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CHINA'S PRISONS.

EXTRATERRITORIALITY VISITS THOSE AT PEKING.

A Japanese news agency at Peking reports:—As pre-arranged, the Powers' Delegates to the International Commission on Extraterritoriality met at the Commission Office at 10 o'clock on February 1st, and paid a visit to the First and the Second Prisons of Peking. Among other Delegates, the presence of Sir Skinner Turner, the British Delegate, Mr. Strawn, the U.S. Delegate, and Mr. Hoiki, the Japanese Delegate, was noticed by a representative of Nippon Dempo (news agency) who was specially privileged to share their visit.

Dr. Wang Chung Hui, Mr. Chang Yao Tseng and several other Chinese Government officials acted as guides.

The first visit was made to the First Prison, Peking, at Yachiching, outside Changyi Gate, where it was observed that the Prison covered an area of 160 mu and is capable of accommodating 1,000 prisoners. At present, there are 508 Chinese male prisoners and 75 female prisoners, together with 23 Russian prisoners. All these prisoners

are put under labour, in accordance with their abilities, the labour including type setting, wood-cut printing and lithography, the manufacture of rattan, bamboo and iron wares, cleaning of rice and similar work. There is a separate factory for each department of labour which, to the pleasant surprise of the visitors, was perfect in every respect. It was strongly built and kept clean, and in general was superior to ordinary Chinese houses. It was highly satisfactory, says the Japanese correspondent, to find that among others the Russian prisoners, to whom the visitors paid special attention, were observed as being satisfied with their conditions. All the female prisoners were required to labour at looms and at making match-boxes.

The inspection was gone through in two hours and the visitors driving to the Second Prison outside Tesheng Gate made a similar inspection, the result of which was likewise satisfactory.

At 3 o'clock, the Delegates paid a visit to the Supreme Court and other Courts of Justice.

ANOTHER PICTURE.

WHICH THE COMMISSION CANNOT SEE.

A correspondent writing from "Somewhere in China" to the N.C. Daily News gives a picture of prisons in China which present a striking contrast to those over which the Extraterritoriality Commission was conducted.

It seems wise to the writer, says this correspondent, that the following facts should remain unlocated. It is well to be "wise as the serpent and harmless as the dove" especially when light is beginning to penetrate into the dark and filthy corners of the local prison and the local yamen; and the light bearer is already a marked man, among those who grow rich on bribery and corruption and that it seems, in the system in which official life is run in this inland city, without doubt it is not an isolated case, or China would not be in such a distracted and chaotic condition.

A DISILLUSIONED CAOL REFORMER. The informant is a lawyer and so is well qualified to speak of the laws supposed to govern the Chinese people, and is equally well informed as to their maladministration, having suffered in consequence of seeking to enforce prison regulations in another province. This and similar experiences left him a disillusioned and sorrowful man though still in the prime of his early manhood. His country seemed in a hopeless condition.

MONEY BUYS ANYTHING.

Quite recently he has been given charge of the prison here, and in spite of past failure to make any headway against existing evils, he has accepted the position, full of hope that this time "something will be attempted, something done." In the meantime his whole outlook has been transformed by embracing the Christian faith, and linked as he now is with Omnipotence, he feels he will no longer be working single-handed. But the tale he tells of what exists makes it abundantly plain that it will take all his new found faith to face the situation.

In the first place money will secure for the prisoners any form of vice which they may choose to indulge in; there is no attempt to better their condition either morally or physically though they may sin more comfortably if they expend more money. None of those in charge are adequately paid. They are expected to supplement their salary by the taking of bribes. It requires no imagination to picture the difficulties, or possible dangers confronting any who discontinue this old-established but evil custom.

NO MONEY NO ESCAPE.

Another side-light on the grave mismanagement of justice is the way in which prisoners are kept in "durance vile" after they are nominally acquitted because they cannot pay the price demanded of them. I witnessed the righteous indignation of my informant as he told of two pitiful cases held who ought to have been released. Since then he has succeeded in effecting their release, and he has other plans on foot for others in like case. But because of the powers of evil, he feels he has to move slowly. Helpful literature is being given to the prisoners and in other very practical ways remedial measures are being taken in order to confer lasting benefit on the criminal class of this city and district.

I may say in closing that this gentleman appreciates fully all the objections being raised by many against the abolition of extraterritoriality.

SCOTTISH SPORT.

SURPRISE DEFEAT OF WATSONIANS.

CELTIC MAINTAIN THEIR LEAD.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

EDINBURGH, January 13th. Glasgow Academicals and Kelso, both so far undefeated in the Rugby Championship, maintain their records. Kelso also head the Border League. It must be mentioned, however, that while the Western club have played eleven games, the Borderers have only taken part in six. One detail of last week is worth noting: senior Rugby players scored 41 tries, and in only 14 cases was the kick successful. Is the art of goal-kicking dying out in Scotland?

Wanderers turned out a sketchy side against Glasgow Academicals, and paid the penalty. The backs had one or two clever individual touches, but as a combined force did not exist, nor could they cope with the Glasgow scoring machine on the move. The game in which Kelso was engaged was fought out to the end amid great excitement, and Melrose, though they were defeated, displayed much better form than they have done of late. Hawick surprised Watsonians, and deserved their victory, the Edinburgh men being under form and showing impetus. Selkirk fought hard, but were no match for Heriot's who, despite bungling at times, were obviously much the superior side. The game between Glasgow High School F.P. and Stewart's was a close thing; the result was in doubt up to the last whistle.

Heriot's (F.P.), 13; Selkirk, 6. Watsonians, 5; Hawick, 12. Edinburgh Wanderers, 0; Glasgow Academicals, 36. Institution (F.P.), 11; R.H.S. (F.P.), 8. Glasgow High School, 9; Stewart's College, 8. Kelvinside Academicals, 0; Edinburgh Academicals, 17. West of Scotland, 13; Glasgow University, 3. Greenock Wanderers, 11; Hillhead High School, 8. Melrose, 12; Kelso, 15.

ASSOCIATION LEAGUE.

There is a considerable margin of difference in points among the four clubs occupying the leading positions on the First Division League table and those in the least favourable places at the other end of the list, but, judged on last week's results, the points are not exactly a true indication of the quality of the respective competitors. It was, of course, a coincidence that the aspirants for the championship—Celtic, Heart of Midlothian, Airdrieonians, and Motherwell—had as opponents the four clubs—Raith Rovers, Queen's Park, St. Johnstone, and Clydebank—who are in greatest danger of relegation, but the natural fears that the games would therefore be one-sided were belied. With the exception of the game at Perth, where Airdrieonians had a runaway victory from St. Johnstone, the lower-placed clubs came out of the proceedings with credit. At Celtic Park the leaders, opposed to Raith Rovers, only secured the winning goal late in the game, and that through the agency of a penalty kick. But the most surprising exhibition of all was that provided by Queen's Park against Hearts; in the first half, the Amateurs' half-backs and forwards played in rare co-operation and with extreme cleverness. Lack of physical power in front of goal denied Queen's Park a merited advantage in scoring.

Heart of Midlothian, 4; Queen's Park, 2. Partick Thistle, 2; Hibernians, 1. Cowdenbath, 2; Aberdeen, 1. Celtic, 1; Raith Rovers, 0. Clydebank, 1; Motherwell, 1. Dundee, 1; St. Mirren, 1. Falkirk, 1; Dundee United, 1. Hamilton Academicals, 3; Rangers, 3. Morton, 1; Kilmarnock, 2. St. Johnstone, 3; Airdrieonians, 7.

GERMANY AND ITS EX-KINGS.

PREPOSTEROUS CLAIMS.

"NELL GWYNNE" OF MECKLENBURG.

Both medieval records and English history books are being ransacked, says a Berlin correspondent, to find a parallel to the grotesque turn which events are taking in the question of the compensation of Germany's dethroned Kings, Princes, and Dukes, which is now being discussed in the Juridical Committee of the Reichstag.

"What would Bismarck do?" which is the usual demand made by some member of a committee when in difficulties, has been cited again in this instance. Bismarck, at the time when he was confronted with paying out the Belgian Royal house, based his strong arguments on the precedent that the English did not compensate the Stuarts when they overthrew that house.

But Bismarck himself, it is generally accepted, would have been at a loss for words to state his opinion of the claims now put down in the Duchy of Mecklenburg. Here the lighter ladies of that petty Court, the Nell Gwynnes of the Duchy, have put forward claims for the equivalent of a thousand pounds a year each. This state is celebrated in Germany as a land flowing, if not with milk and honey, at least with the fattest bacon, and sausages of the fairest fame, but even Mecklenburg's placid citizens are aghast.

A protest is also made against the demands of the late Duke's sister, who is the widowed Princess Danilo of Montenegro, for a large sum besides that already paid to her. Whether Serbia paid her husband, Prince Danilo, handsomely at the time of the confiscation of his Montenegrin lands is unknown, but it is gravely doubted.

From all over the Reich claims nearly as preposterous are pouring in. Unless some very strong action is taken by the nation, represented by its parties, the claimants are likely to win their cases, as they generally have obsolete, but never rescinded, legal deeds to support them.

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COMPANY MEETING.

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The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman said: Gentlemen,—As indicated in the notice which has just been read, this meeting has been convened for the purpose of considering and, if approved, passing a new set of Articles of Association. The existing Articles are not so complete as it is desirable they should be, and they have, therefore, been revised in accordance with the latest local pattern. There is, however, no alteration in them of any consequence, and so I will not detain you by referring to them in detail, though if any shareholder desires any information on any particular point, I shall be pleased to give it.

I now beg to propose the following resolution as an extraordinary resolution:—That the regulations contained in the printed document submitted to the meeting and for the purpose of identification thereof approved and adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all the existing Articles thereof.

After this has been seconded, I shall be glad to answer any questions the shareholders may wish to ask.

The Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang: I have much pleasure in seconding the resolution proposed by our Chairman.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

The Chairman, continuing, said: That concludes the business for which this meeting was convened, and I thank you for your attendance. As you are aware, the notice convening this meeting also convenes a further extraordinary general meeting to be held on Thursday, March 11th, at 12.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings at this meeting, and of confirming, if thought fit, as a special resolution of the company, which has just been passed as an extraordinary resolution and I shall be glad if you will kindly attend.

COST OF LIVING IN AUSTRALIA.

EFFECT ON INDUSTRY.

Mr. Napier Thomson, president of the Metal Trades Employers' Association, in a statement recently, pointed out that the Commonwealth Statistician's figures for December, 1925, disclosed a condition of affairs that was very serious for New South Wales, as compared with other States of the Commonwealth. The cost of living in Sydney had increased 27 points, whilst in Melbourne it had decreased 2 points. Adelaide showed a decrease of 11 points.

"The Federal awards of the engineering and allied trades," said Mr. Thomson, "are adjusted quarterly on these figures, and it will mean that for the next three months the rates in Sydney will be increased by 1/4 a week, while the Adelaide rates will be decreased 1/4 a week, and Melbourne rates remain the same. Thus, the Sydney rates are 2/4 a week higher than Melbourne, and 4/6 a week higher than Adelaide, the basic rates being:—Sydney, 24/6; Melbourne, 24/7/6; Adelaide, 24/5/6. The high rates in Sydney coupled with the 44-hour week are already giving manufacturers in other States a distinct advantage, and a further opportunity to exploit New South Wales trade."

It must be remembered that the above increase in the cost of living has taken place independently of the 44-hour week, and everybody knows that a further substantial increase is taking place at the present time, due to the 44-hour week. This will reflect itself again in a few months' time, and increase the disparity between the basic rates in Sydney and the other capitals, thus making it continuously harder for New South Wales employers to give employment."

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MARKETS AND EMIGRATION.

The Earl of Clarendon, Under-Secretary for the Dominions, speaking at Cambridge last month, said there was one subject of undoubted pre-eminence and importance to everyone in this country, and that was the development of Empire markets. It was one, which was bound up with another question of equal importance, that of settlement overseas. These islands were undoubtedly over-populated, and there were the great lands overseas crying out for those who were willing to go and till the soil in those vast continents which formed part of our Empire. The opportunities were many, and the chances were great, for those who were willing to take their courage in their hands, and set sail for those lands.

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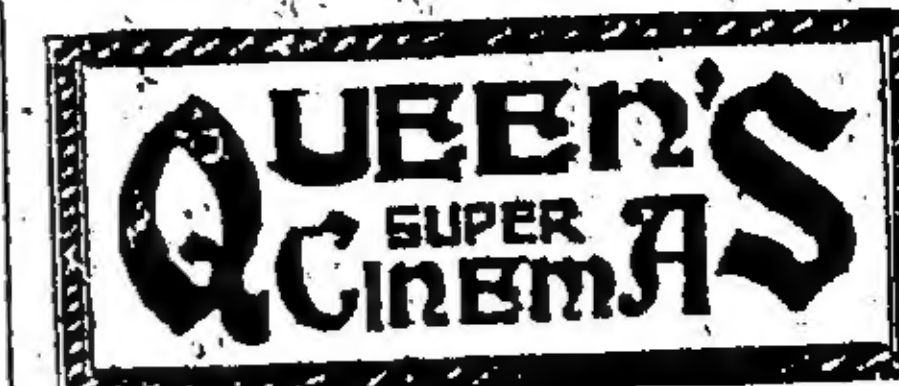
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K.R.A. ANNUAL MEETING.
THE KOWLOON HOSPITAL QUESTION.

UNSATISFACTORY POSITION.

The annual meeting of the Kowloon Residents' Association was held last evening at St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon, the retiring president, Mr. W. S. Bailey, being in the chair, supported by Mr. D. A. Goodwin (Hon. Secretary) and Mr. J. M. Alves (Hon. Treasurer).

After the Secretary had read the notice convening the meeting, Mr. Bailey addressed the meeting and moved the adoption of the report and accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1925.

He said: The report of the General Committee, together with the report and statement of accounts by our Hon. Treasurer, having been for some days in your hands, I shall, with your permission, take them as read, and I think we may congratulate ourselves upon a successful year, and upon our sound financial position. I may say that since closing the accounts our Hon. Treasurer reports his collection of a further sum of \$83 being arrears, and subscriptions from new members. Before proposing the adoption of the report and accounts I would say a few words upon the leading events of the year.

KOWLOON HOSPITAL.

From the copies of correspondence issued to members it may be seen that the resolution carried at our last annual meeting was duly forwarded to the Government whose response, despite our protests, has been most disappointing in that medical practitioners cannot attend their own patients at this hospital, that although all the nursing sisters hold midwifery certificates the hospital will not have at present a separate maternity ward, and that only in circumstances of urgent necessity can maternity cases be admitted. In view of Kowloon needs, our distance from Hongkong, and possible delays by ferries, etc., this decision appears highly unsatisfactory and unjust to residents.

CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND.

A further extension of the playground along Chatham Road has been granted us, and in response to further representations to the Government this year, we are offered at our option one of two further areas to the eastward, well back from the road, and to which the swings, etc., may be removed. This matter will be referred to the incoming committee.

FERRY SERVICES.

Increase of ferry services, overcrowding of ferries and danger to passengers by cyclists riding on and off the ferry wharf have also been successfully dealt with during the year.

DURING THE "STRIKE"

On June 20th we assured the Dairy Farm Company, in reply to their enquiry to the effect, that in the event of a strike we should give them all the assistance possible at their Kowloon Branch, and on October 5th the Company wrote thanking our Association for this very valuable assistance during the strike period without which, they added, they could not have served this important section of their business.

In addition to the very sincere thanks and appreciation of the Dairy Farm Co., as expressed in their letter and to me verbally, I take this opportunity of thanking all those who through that strenuous time so cheerfully and efficiently carried on the work of this branch, members of our Association also assisting the police by acting as special constables. Nothing could exceed the cheerfulness and willingness of our members and others who so very efficiently carried on this work, and I cannot find words to express my admiration and appreciation of their services. Many ladies also offered their assistance. It would be invidious to mention names where all did such excellent work for the community.

RECKLESS CYCLING IN KOWLOON.

Our representations in regard to this nuisance have resulted in an increase of the penalty from the usual \$5 to a fine usually of \$10, or a whipping of 10 strokes.

KOWLOON DISPENSARY.

As may be seen from the correspondence the hours of business are now posted in the window of the Dispensary, where urgent medicines may be obtained at any time.

Irregular numbering of houses in Nathan Road, noises in Kowloon, dumping overnight of uncovered dust bins, repair of Cox's Road and rents control are also subjects dealt with during the year, as per the correspondence supplied to members.

MORE MEMBERS NEEDED.

I have referred to the services of volunteers without which the Dairy Farm Depot in Kowloon could not have supplied us and our women and children with milk and other necessary foods, and also to the services of our members and others as special police at that time. We have no guarantee whatever against a recurrence of such a situation in a similar or even more stringent boycott, and when as before our only resource will be in ourselves and in the pressure we as a united body can bring to bear on the Government.

It is I think unfair to those who work for the common good that residents benefitting by such work should remain non-members. We have lately had many applications for membership which will be passed on to the incoming committee and I sincerely hope that the report and statements now made will result in a large and immediate increase of members anxious to work for the welfare of Kowloon. I now beg to move the adoption of the report and accounts, and when this is seconded shall be glad to answer to the best of my ability any questions relating thereto. (Applause.)

The Rev. G. R. Lindsay seconded, and the report and accounts were unanimously adopted.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

Officers and Committee for the ensuing year were elected as under:—President, the Rev. J. Horace Johnston; Vice-President, Dr. J. C. Macgowan; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. M. Alves; Hon. Secretary, Mr. C. W. Skeet; General Committee: Capt. T. T. Laurensen, Mr. J. Anderson, the Rev. Father G. M. Spada, the Rev. R. G. Lindsay (re-elected), Messrs. W. J. Stokes, E. Cook, F. H. Goss, J. M. Morahan, E. V. M. R. de Souza, J. M. Morahan, B. W. Tape, Wong Kwong Tin, J. L. Parren, M. M. Watson, F. W. Stapleton, A. W. Eastman, and Dr. S. W. Tso.

NEW PRESIDENT'S SPEECH.

The Rev. J. Horace Johnston, after returning thanks to the members for the honour they had done him in electing him as their new President, expressed the thanks of the Association to the retiring President, Mr. Bailey. In doing so he said they all had a great respect for Mr. Bailey. He had expended his time in the various affairs of the Association with a lavish display of interested zeal. He, therefore, expressed on behalf of the members their very high sense of the debt which the Association owed to Mr. Bailey for his labours.

He would also like to say that he felt they were looking forward to the future with the very greatest hopes. They had a committee elected that evening over whom, he felt sure, it would be a privilege for anyone to preside. This committee would contribute an amount of knowledge and experience to the debates of their Association which, he felt, would be invaluable. It would be a most representative committee. It would represent commerce, the social and recreational sections, the educational and health sides, and also the religious and national interests of the community. With such a committee he looked forward to a year of very useful work.

FIRMS COMPLIMENTED.

Continuing, the President said when the Association had communicated with firms in Kowloon, and had offered their suggestions, these companies had always done their utmost to comply with these suggestions as far as possible. They had treated the approaches of the Association with courtesy, and had shown their willingness to act upon suggestions where they could and adapt their services to the convenience of the public. The speaker also spoke of the way in which Kowloon firms had acknowledged the right of the Kowloon Residents' Association to speak on behalf of the residents. He thought this might be said to be equally true with regard to the Government itself. Although they might have been disappointed in some directions, he thought the Government had shown in many ways that they were ready to hear the voice of the Kowloon Residents' Association, and also that they were ready to accept the judgment of the Association as being a fair expression of the views of the community. He, therefore, felt that they had a great opportunity as well as a great responsibility. He was glad, in view of this, that they had such a strong committee and he thought the residents would be perfectly willing to confide their interests to the new committee as they had done to the old one.

Concluding, the President said that he held the view that if a state of emergency arose, such as the one last June, they should call a general meeting of the Kowloon Residents. He thought they might also from time to time communicate to the Peak and Mid-Levels Residents' Associations what they were doing or suggested doing in matters of general interest and importance.

CHINESE SATISFACTION.

Mr. Mow Fung, in associating himself with the Rev. J. Horace Johnston in thanks to Mr. Bailey, expressed the pleasure he felt in the committee of the Association inviting Chinese gentlemen to take part in their activities. This had given much satisfaction to the Chinese residents of Kowloon. It had been suggested that in view of the increasing population of Chinese residents in Kowloon a Chinese Residents' Association should be formed. No steps had yet been taken toward this end, and he did not think they now would be. He was certain that the objects of the Kowloon Residents' Association would coincide with the views and objects of a Chinese Residents' Association, and therefore there would be no need for one. He was sure that the Chinese members would be very willing to co-operate with the European committee for the general good of Kowloon residents. (Applause.)

APPEAL TO NON-MEMBERS.

Mr. Bailey suitably replied to the thanks accorded him, and remarked that all credit was due to the good and hard-working committee he had had while he was in office for what had been done. Special thanks were due to Mr. Goodwin, the Hon. Secretary, who had, in addition to his own work, so ably carried out the by no means light secretarial duties attached to the Association. Mr. Bailey also returned thanks to Mr. B. Wylie and Mr. Morley, former President and Hon. Secretary of the Association, respectively, for the very valuable work they had done, and remarked that their advice and help was always available to the Association and was always very freely given. Personally, he had enjoyed a year of most interesting work while in office.

In conclusion, he appealed to all residents who were not yet members of the Association to join and help to make it a great institution. By joining the Association residents would strengthen the hands of the committee by their advice and work. It was obviously the duty of all outside the Association to join for one did not know when another crisis or state of emergency would arise when the help of a large united company as possible would be required and prove of valuable assistance to the community in general. (Applause.)

(Continued on next column.)

INTERPORT FOOTBALL DINNER.
HONGKONG AND CHINESE TEAMS ENTERTAINED BY SHANGHAI.

Mr. R. Grimshaw, President of the Shanghai Football Association, presided over a particularly friendly gathering in the 17th inst. in the Carlton Cafe, where the Association entertained to dinner the visiting Hongkong Interport and Chinese Association football teams. Amongst the guests also were Mr. S. Fessenden (Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council) and Surgeon Lieut.-Comdr. Tanton, R.N. Mr. Grimshaw found it quite impossible to limit the terms to those on the pre-arranged programme, for apparently most of those present desired to make speeches and a fair proportion of them succeeded in so doing, says the N.C. Daily News. Uppermost in everybody's mind—and it seemed to be specially pronounced with the Hongkong men—was the desire to emphasize that, whatever any others thought of the turn of the play in the Interport game and the manner in which it was conducted, the players on both sides were perfectly satisfied.

In proposing "The Hongkong Team," the CHAIRMAN said that the consensus of opinion in Shanghai was that those on the Pioneer Field for the Interport match witnessed such a game as rarely had been seen in Shanghai, "despite any comment that has appeared in the papers." He hoped it would be some consolation to the Hongkong team to know that their visit had assisted in the promotion of clean and healthy sport, especially for the benefit of Association football, which bids fair to become the Chinese national game. He trusted that before long more playing fields would be provided and that so foreigners would become more closely associated with Chinese in sports and through the medium of sports, in intercourse in general.

Mr. G. Wynne, Captain of the Hongkong team, in a brief reply, said that the Interport match was a clean and sporting game. He presented the Hongkong Cup and flag to Mr. A. S. Phillips, the Shanghai Captain, who said that, if the game could have ended differently, he thought it very well might have been a draw.

The CHAIRMAN, speaking with regard to the referee (Mr. R. G. Herbert), said that he had met each member of the Hongkong team personally and he had not heard a single word of adverse comment from any one of them. Mr. Herbert was selected for his knowledge of the game and for all that he had done for Shanghai football, and that was saying a great deal. He had much pleasure, on behalf of the Football Association and the Referees' Association, in handing Mr. Herbert a small memento in view of his departure from Shanghai shortly. This consisted of a referee's whistle mounted on a square block, in teak and silver, and a shield appropriately inscribed.

Mr. HERBERT said that a referee could only do his best and it seemed that, whatever he did or said, always he must be 50 per cent. wrong. As a referee he loathed giving a penalty, but he supposed it would be held against him for years to come that in one Interport match he gave three penalties, which possibly was a record. Yet, if he had not given them, he would have received the same condemnation that followed upon his giving them.

The finest tribute to Mr. Herbert was that, when he sat down, the Hongkong team rose to a man and led the singing of "For he's a jolly good fellow."

In proposing the guests, Mr. A. H. LESLIE mentioned that this was the first occasion on which the Association had had the honour of entertaining Chinese.

A Chinese player, who was loudly applauded, said that football was increasing in popularity all over China and all Chinese were looking forward to the time—not so far distant, they believed—when they would be able to muster several teams capable of playing the best foreign teams on equal terms.

THE ACCOUNTS.

The following extract is taken from the report and statement of accounts presented to the meeting:—

Owing to the frequent changes of Treasurers the collection of subscriptions for the year under review has been greatly affected.

The amount collected was \$424 and the outstanding accounts show a total of \$139 of which \$38 represent arrears of the two preceding years, 1923 and 1924.

The total amount of the expenditure was \$278 against \$200.05 in 1924. The increase was due to larger disbursements for postage, printing and stationery in consequence of a much wider distribution of the annual report of the Association for the year 1925.

It was propaganda work, which is very commendable, and, if possible, should be extended to all the residents of Kowloon, comprising such as are non-members of the various activities of the Association in their interests, and arousing them to become members.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.
NOTES ON THE PLAYERS.
SOME FORECASTS.

The annual lawn tennis tournament of the Hongkong Cricket Club will commence next week and competition this year promises to be as great as ever. Chief interest will naturally be centred in the Open Singles and Open Doubles Championship of the Colony.

NG SZE KWONG IN GOOD FORM.

A welcome re-entry in both these events is Ng Sze Kwong, who has been for many years a prominent and popular figure on the lawns not only in the Colony, but also in other parts in the Far East. He enjoyed respite from the tournament last year, but has come back playing better than ever. For the past few months he has been at practice regularly and has developed a powerful forehand drive, which is just as deadly as his dreaded backhand deliveries. In other points of the game, he has not deteriorated, except that he does not cut so much with his forehand, so Tennis Fans will have an opportunity of seeing the ex-champion in form once more.

On the other hand it is a matter of great regret that the Colony has lost its versatile Singles Champion, Capt. O'Callaghan, who has been transferred to India.

OPEN SINGLES.

The drawings of the open singles make interesting study and forecasts are difficult to make. Out of the 61 entrants, however, the following should be, on their present form, the last eight remaining in the tournament, viz., Ho Ka Lau, Ng Sze Cheung, H. D. Rumjahn, T. Honda, Ng Sze Kwong, S. A. Rumjahn, M. W. Lo, and R. E. Tottenham. These meet in the above order in the quarter finals. The semi-finals, in all probability, will be Ho Ka Lau, Honda, Ng Sze Kwong, and M. W. Lo. Honda's match with Ho Ka Lau will probably be the best Singles match of the tournament. The "Japanese hope" is enjoying better health, but his arm is still weak and he has not been seen regularly at the courts. Ho Ka Lau has improved in all departments of the game and his aggressive style of play is that which Honda dreads most. Ng Sze Kwong is in the lower half and should have no difficulty in reaching the final, having the strongest players in S. A. Rumjahn in the 4th round and M. W. Lo in the semi-final, both of whom, according to present form, he should defeat.

Other players who should attract attention in the earlier rounds are: F. A. Redmond, Yew Man Kit, S. E. Green, the sporting ex-champion, who ought to reach the 3rd round, H. K. Coxon, a new but clever exponent, J. Cassinbhoy, a promising young Indian lad, Major Hattersley Smith, Major Stevenson and Tottenham, who although a new entrant for both events, is not known. At the present time Tottenham is in good form, but is inclined to evade backhand balls in singles.

The consensus of opinion seems to favour Ng Sze Kwong winning the Singles Championship. More had better not be said, until all the contestants have been seen in action in the earlier rounds.

THE OPEN DOUBLES COMPETITION.

The Doubles event will be even more interesting and open. The holders, H. D. and S. A. Rumjahn, are playing as well as they did last year and will be a very hard pair to beat. The odds are now slightly in their favour.

R. Hancock and F. A. Redmond appear in the bracket for the first semi-final. It is a source of great interest to see Hancock in the championship again, and no doubt his ripe experience coupled with the stylish play of Redmond will help them considerably in the matches.

Up to the present they have not struck their real form, but they appear to be playing better and better with each practice. H. Lo and C. Chow are their first opponent, whom they should beat and enter the semi-final eventually. The Rumjahns seem likely to occupy the second semi-final position, but they must defeat Ho Ka Lau and Yew Man Tsun who extended their last year. This match will be eagerly looked forward to. Other good pairs in this bracket are the Lo Brothers, I. M. Razack and J. A. Cassinbhoy and the Fincher Brothers.

Ng Sze Kwong and Ng Sze Cheung, on whom great interest is being centred as likely champions, are in the lower half. A. D. Humphreys and Tottenham appear in the same bracket for the third semi-final position. Both of them are playing very good tennis at present and are partnering well together. Tottenham plays better at doubles and some of his placing and his finesse are very pretty to watch. These two pairs should meet in the third round to decide who will enter the semi-final. Lt. Larcomb and Col. Russell Brown are another good pair.

Honda and Yoshida are favourably placed to enter the semi-final too, but Major Pratt and Major Stevenson will give them a good run, and in their best form should be able to turn the tables on the Japanese.

ACTION BY CANTON
CUSTOMS.ALL STEAMERS HELD UP.
EFFECTIVE PROTEST AGAINST
INTERFERENCE BY STRIKE
PICKETS.

Canton, February 21st.

It would appear that the long continued trade dispute in Canton has been brought to a head at last by the strong action taken by the Chinese Maritime Customs Authorities.

The Strike Pickets, as is well known, have been interfering for months past with all cargo, arrogating to themselves the rights of inspection and confiscation in order to prevent merchandise reaching the City from so-called "Imperialist" sources. Repeated protests have been made to the Government but without avail.

The position was an intolerable one for the Customs Authorities and, therefore, just recently the Commissioner of Customs in Canton, Lt. Col. Hayley-Bell, went personally and took possession of five cargo boats which the strikers had seized. The Commissioner, the Chief Tidewater and some Chinese Tidewaterers literally "sat on" these vessels until the Pickets surrendered them. There were ten hours of waiting before the Pickets came to their senses and gave in.

Naturally such a procedure could not be carried out in every case of illegal seizure and, consequently, the Commissioner has informed the Government that he will stop the loading and discharging of all steamers until the Government prevents the Strike Pickets from removing cargo and until the Strike Pickets return that which from time to time they have taken away.

Up to the present the Strike Pickets have seized some two thousand packages of various cargo of all nations from many ships so that it will be realised that they have a considerable quantity of goods for which to render account.

In a letter to the Consular Body the Commissioner stated that he deemed it necessary in the interests of the public and for the safeguarding of the revenue to suspend the issue of all working permits in the harbour of Canton and at Whampoa and intimated that pending the surrender and return to the Customs for proper examination and assessment of duty of certain cargo irregularly removed from the custody of the Customs by armed boycott pickets all loading and discharging of steamers will remain suspended.

STEAMBOAT SERVICE SUSPENDED.

The Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co.'s *Lingshan* did not leave Hongkong yesterday morning on her usual run to Canton and the Steamboat Company cannot state when the service will be resumed. It must all depend upon future developments, for the port of Canton is now virtually closed.

CANTON'S RUSSIAN NAVAL
COMMANDER.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

Comrade Semionoff, the Russian commanding the Canton Navy, is leaving Canton on furlough to join M. Borodin in North China and, according to unofficial reports, they will return to Russia together for an important conference which may result in some change of Soviet policy in South China.

According to another report, Comrade Semionoff may visit the island of Hainan, now free of anti-Reds, before sailing for North China.

CHINESE STUDENTS FOR
MOSCOW UNIVERSITY.

A HITCH IN THE ARRANGEMENTS.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

It is stated that some misunderstanding between the Kuomintang and the Soviet Mission in Canton is delaying the despatch of the rest of the 147 students to Moscow to enter the Sun Wen or Dr. Sun Yat Sen University in the Soviet Capital. Since the selection of these students, only about half of them have been actually sent on to Moscow, leaving many waiting indefinitely. The first batch of 22 students from Canton arrived at Moscow on January 4th.

WE WONDER!

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

The Franco-Chinese agreements governing Chinese commercial interests in Indo-China expire on August 7th next. It is understood that the Peking Government will consult the Canton Government before opening negotiations for modification, on account of the existing relationship between the French Colony and the Kwangtung, Kwangsi, and Yunnan Provinces in South China.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

[BEFORE THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR HENRY GOLLAN.]

MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE.

SHANTUNG CONSTABLE FOUND
NOT GUILTY.

The Shantung constable against whom a charge of manslaughter was preferred, was found not guilty and discharged. The charge was the sequel to the death of an Indian constable at the Volunteer Parade Ground on January 22nd.

Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg, outlining the case for the Crown, said that both defendant and the deceased were members of the Police Force, and on the night of January 22nd the deceased was detailed for special post duty near the Volunteer Headquarters, and accused was on his beat nearby. For some reason or other they met and quarrelled, with the result that the Indian was shot by a bullet discharged from accused's revolver. The accused reported the matter to a traffic constable who was on duty just below the tramway station. The Indian was soon afterwards found lying face downward on the ground. His turban was lying some yards away unwrapped, his truncheon was in his pocket, and his revolver was intact in his holster. He succumbed to his wound before he was taken to the Police Station. When the defendant was examined by a doctor, a few scratches and abrasions were found. The injuries were quite slight, and one could not say from that that the Indian had used any great violence, such as made the defendant fear for his life.

The defendant's clothing was earth-stained as though he had been on the ground, and there were scratches on the grip of his truncheon, and on his holster. There were no marks inside the holster that showed the revolver had been discharged in it or partially in it. Had that been the case, there would have been signs of burnt powder present. The revolver had been discharged, and the bullet, which entered the body of the Indian, was found to be of the same calibre as would be fired by the defendant's revolver. There were also scratches on the muzzle of the revolver. There was nothing to indicate that the revolver belonged to the Indian had been drawn.

On the morning of the 23rd the defendant was charged at the Central Police Station with murder, when he made a statement to the effect that the Indian told him the Inspector had been round and he had told him that he had seen the defendant, otherwise, the Indian added, he (defendant) would have got into trouble. The Indian then made an indecent suggestion, and offered to give the defendant a gold ring which he was wearing. The defendant was thrown to the ground, and, getting angry, abused the Indian in the Cantonese dialect, threatening to report him to the Police Station. When the shot was fired the Indian fell to the ground, and screamed.

There was nothing to corroborate that statement.

Mr. Hazlerigg submitted that the Chinese constable was not in any danger of his life, and that he had no reasonable grounds for supposing such to be the case. It would therefore be entirely unnecessary for him to aim his revolver at all. The actual pulling of the trigger might have been unintentional. If that was so, then his submission was manslaughter.

Dr. Patterson, of the Government Civil Hospital, said that Indian constable died from internal hemorrhage, consequent on a bullet wound. He also examined the accused and found some scratches on his face and a few abrasions on his legs. Accused also appeared to be suffering from mental shock.

Inspector W. Spear gave evidence to the effect that he was at the Central Police Station when the Indian constable was brought in. Accused was, at the time, seated in the charge room. Witness took his revolver and found one bullet missing. Accused also showed him several scratches on his face and showed that one of his trouser pockets had been torn.

Replying to His Lordship, witness said that a considerable amount of force would be necessary to tear the pocket, and he did not think that accused could have done it himself.

An interpreter gave evidence concerning a statement which the accused had made to him. On being asked by Mr. Hazlerigg, whether he threatened or induced accused to make a statement, witness said that he could not remember. His Lordship then said that he could not accept witness's evidence.

The Police Armourer said that it was impossible for the shot to have been fired while the revolver was in its holster.

Prisoner elected to go into the witness-box, and his evidence was similar to that which he had given in his statement. He said that he did not know how the revolver was fired as he knew was that he did not fire it himself. He also reiterated that the quarrel ensued because the deceased made an improper suggestion to him.

His Lordship's summing up lasted three quarters of an hour. The jury were absent less than half-an-hour and returned a verdict of not guilty. Prisoner was discharged.

(Continued on next Column.)

MONUMENT TO CANTON
POLICE HEROES.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

A monument was dedicated in the First Public Park, Canton, on February 21st, by the Canton Police in honour of 57 comrades who had lost their lives in the last few years in the execution of their duty. Dr. C. C. Wu, chairman of the Municipal Council, assisted by General Wu Te Chen, Chief of Police, unveiled the tablet on which these heroes' names had been inscribed. Details from all ranks and departments, including the Fire Brigade, attended the ceremony, and many leading citizens in Canton and officials joined in paying a deserved tribute to the gallant guardians of public peace.

General Wu Te Chen, in commenting on the work of the Police and referring particularly to crimes usually found before Chinese New Year, said the other day that only a little more than 50 robbery cases had occurred in the city recently and some 33 miscreants were arrested either immediately or later. This figure compared with more than a hundred such cases a year ago.

In this connection a police report just issued states that for the 109 days from November 1st, 1925, to February 12, 1926, there occurred in Canton 32 cases of kidnapping and highway robbery, which were 26 less than in the corresponding period a year ago. Of the 32 cases, arrests were immediately made in 12, and soon afterwards in a further 21 cases, leaving but 10 cases still unsolved. The decrease in serious crime is attributed to the efficiency of the special committee on public safety, close watch on the movement of inhabitants, frequent search of persons suspected of carrying arms without license, high rewards for crime detection or prevention, the absence of public gambling houses, and the additional patrol of the city by plain-clothes men.

[BEFORE MR. JUSTICE WOOD, THE
PUNISH JUDGE.]

COOLIE SENTENCED ON MAN-
SLAUGHTER CHARGE.

A Chinese coolie was charged with manslaughter. The charge was a sequel to the death of another coolie at Morrison Hill on January 8th.

Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, outlining the case for the Crown, said that a number of coolies were working at Morrison Hill on January 8th, and were filling trucks with earth. Some of the coolies started to joke with each other, and this led to blows, when, it was stated, the defendant caught hold of another man by the hair of the head, and hit him with his fist in the stomach. After the fight, the Chinese—who died afterwards—was still standing, and picked up a stone which he tried to throw, but collapsed before he could do so.

Mr. Whyte-Smith read a statement from Dr. E. P. Minett, who made a post-mortem examination, in which he said there were no external signs of violence. He discovered a rupture of the spleen. The spleen was enlarged and death had been caused through the rupture and hemorrhage. It could have been caused by a blow of the fist.

Witnesses gave evidence to the effect that they saw the deceased and accused engaged in a fight.

A verdict of guilty was returned, and accused was sentenced to 8 months' imprisonment with hard labour.

ROBBERS GAOLED.

Two Chinese were charged with having committed an armed robbery at 17, Temple Street, Yaumati, on January 13th. One of the accused pleaded guilty.

Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, for the Crown, said that No. 17, Temple Street, was occupied by a Chinese, a boy and a little servant girl. At 8 a.m. on January 13th, the little girl's master and the boy were out, when she heard a knock at the door and someone calling her by name. She opened the door and the two accused walked in, one of them stating that he had been told by her master to call. They sat in the passage and had tea. After an hour or so, one of the men made for the rear outside, and when the little girl remonstrated she was bound and gagged. The robbers then set about ransacking the house. The girl, however, managed to loosen her bonds, and rushing to the verandah cried for help. The two men thereupon ran out. They were seen by two Chinese constables and a Chinese revenue officer, and were eventually arrested in a shop in Shanghai Street. As they were being chased, one of the men threw away a knife.

The girl in her evidence said that she recognised both men, and the master of the house identified some of the stolen property as belonging to him.

The second prisoner was found guilty. The men were each sentenced to three years' hard labour.

OBITUARY.

MR. W. J. WILKINSON.

It is with regret that we record the death of Mr. William Josiah Wilkinson, overseer of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., which took place suddenly on Sunday evening at his residence, 23, Praya East.

Mr. Wilkinson, who was extremely well-known in the Colony, was 55 years of age. It appears that on Sunday, in apparently good health, he took a trip to Macao, but on his return home he complained of feeling unwell, and passed away twenty minutes later.

The late Mr. Wilkinson had been a resident here for some thirty years. He originally came to Hongkong with the Royal Marines, which he joined in 1888. In 1894 Mr. Wilkinson obtained his discharge from the Marines and joined the Prison Department with which he served for sixteen years, retiring on pension as chief warden in 1910. He then joined the Land Investment Company as overseer, which position he held up to the time of his death. The deceased leaves a widow and twelve children, eight sons and four daughters, all of whom, excepting the eldest son, are at present in the Colony. The two latter are at present in London and are due back in Hongkong shortly. The late Mr. Wilkinson also leaves no less than fourteen grandchildren.

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral took place at the Catholic Cemetery, Happy Valley, last evening, and was attended by a large number of friends. The service was conducted by the Rev. Father Valtorta.

Among those present were:—Mr. F. Wilkinson; Mr. H. Wilkinson, Masters Joseph Wilkinson and Jim Wilkinson (sons), Capt. and Mrs. J. Thirlwell, Mr. and Mrs. E. Medina, Mr. and Mrs. F. Medina (daughters and sons-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Cotton, Mr. and Mrs. A. Horton, Messrs. L. S. Greenhill, H. A. Rogers, J. C. West, J. Robertson, R. Gray, N. McArthur, G. Bird, M. Pearce, M. P. Remedios, F. L. Marques, D. Santos, J. Braga, E. Ellis, B. C. Randall, Rev. Bros. Aimar, Wilfred and Joseph, Rev. Mother Superior and staff of the Italian Convent (Caine Road and Wai-chai Branch), Insp. Blackman, Mr. and Mrs. Ahlong, Messrs. F. Nevis, A. Gascon, Mitchell, Kent and Bolt.

Floral tributes were sent by the following:—From loving and broken-hearted wife Dora, Willie and Liora, Lizzie and Jim, Hettie and Edward, Lil and Leo, Fred and Beatrice, Harry, Charlie, Robert, Joseph and Jim, Ignacia and John, Annie and Gus, Maria and children, Charlie, Joe and Johnny Cotton, Sir Paul and Lady Chater, Mr. and Mrs. Bagram, Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming, L. Burnett, J. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Hirose, Mother Superior, Italian Convent, J. E. Joseph, G. Sedick, Mr. and Mrs. T. O'Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. L. Medina, C. Horton, Mr. and Mrs. L. Sousa, Mrs. Nuttall, Mr. and Mrs. H. Pires, Mr. and Mrs. A. Ferreira, Sub Lt. Mrs. M. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Osborne, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Greenhill, Capt. and Mrs. C. R. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. T. Bolt, The Hongkong Land Investment Co., Mr. M. S. Northcote, Mr. H. A. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Remedios, Mr. and Mrs. Ahlong, China Trading Co., Mr. and Mrs. Robertson, European Officers' Mess, Victoria Gaol, Mr. and Mrs. Bird, Mr. and Mrs. Calvert, Mr. and Mrs. F. Gonzales, and several Chinese friends.

MRS. K. S. S. GUBBAY.

The death occurred yesterday, at her residence, No. 9, Macdonnell Road, of Mrs. K. S. S. Gubbay, at the age of 77 years.

She came to Hongkong when she was quite young from Palestine, and sojourning for some time in India, where her husband predeceased her forty years ago. She had, however, lived for the most part in Hongkong.

Mrs. Gubbay was well-known and highly respected in the Colony, and the Jewish community will feel her loss deeply.

She leaves to mourn her loss six sons, Messrs. A. S. Gubbay, Manager of E. D. Sassoon & Co., Hongkong; C. S. Gubbay of E. D. Sassoon & Co., Shanghai; D. M. Gubbay, stockbroker, Shanghai; D. S. Gubbay, E. D. Sassoon & Co., Hongkong; S. M. S. Gubbay, Shanghai; and G. S. Gubbay, of Arnold & Co., Ltd., Shanghai.

The funeral takes place this morning at the Jewish Cemetery, Happy Valley. The cortege will pass the monument at 9.30 a.m.

ABSENT JUROR.

FINED AND ORDERED TO STAY
IN COURT.

Mr. G. R. Edwards, Secretary of the United Asbestos Oriental Agency Co., Ltd., who had been summoned to attend as a juror failed to appear at the Criminal Sessions yesterday morning when his name was called.

When he later appeared, after a Court Official had communicated with him, Mr. Justice Wood fined him \$10, and ordered him to remain in Court for the rest of the morning.

WEATHER REPORT.

Last night's weather report and remarks by the Royal Observatory said:—

The depression has deepened and is approaching S.W. Japan. The anticyclone over N.E. China has strengthened, and fresh monsoon may be expected along the S.E. Coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

Local forecast: N. to N.E. winds; fresh, overcast; foggy and rainy at first, improving later.

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HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING 1926.

SEVENTH RACE—THIRD DAY:

THE UNITED SERVICES CUP.

POST ENTRIES will be Accepted for This Race.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

[3224]

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

THE LISTS of the DRAW in All Events are Now Posted in the Pavilion.

The 1st and 2nd Rounds of Events 1, 2, 3 and 6 and the 1st Round in Events 4, 5 and 7 to be Completed before the 21st MARCH.

Courts may Now be Booked for Tournament Matches, commencing MONDAY NEXT, 1st MARCH.

By mutual consent Any Tie in the 1st and 2nd Rounds of Events 1, 2 and 3 may be played off on Grounds other than the Cricket Ground.

L. S. GREENHILL,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 22nd February, 1926. [3223]

BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE DE CHINE BONDS.

THE CREDITORS, on account of Fixed Deposits, Savings and Current Accounts, are informed that the GOLD DOLLAR BONDS to which they are entitled in Settlement of their Claim are held at their Disposal.

These Bonds will be delivered either to the Creditor himself or to a Person duly authorized by him, all Identity Proofs being Strictly Required. [3220]

HONGKONG AMUSEMENTS, LIMITED.

LOST SCRP.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Certificate for the following Preferred Ordinary Shares in the above Company is alleged to have been LOST, namely, No. 43, representing 25 Shares, Nos. 6421 to 6445 Registered in the Name of ALEXANDER HYDE LAY.

Application has been made to the Directors for the Issue of a Duplicate Certificate, and should No Objection be Lodged with the Company within Thirty Days from the Date hereof the Application will be complied with, subject to such Guarantees as may be approved by the Directors.

CHAS. S. ROSSETT,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 22nd February, 1926. [3221]

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES.

PUBLIC AUCTION

OF THE VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTIES

Situate at MONG KOK STREET, Kowloon, Hongkong, and known as Kowloon Island Lots Nos. 490, 491 and 492, Together with Nos. 420, 422 and 424, SHANGHAI STREET, MONG KOK STREET, erected thereon respectively.

Area: 1,020 Square Feet Each Lot; Crown Rent: \$16.00 Each Lot.

AND Kowloon Island Lots Nos. 493, 494 and 495, Together with Nos. 414, 416 and 418, SHANGHAI STREET aforesaid, erected thereon respectively.

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FRIDAY, THE 5TH DAY OF MARCH, 1926, AT 3 O'CLOCK P.M.

AT THE CHINA AUCTION ROOMS, 4, DUNDRELL STREET, VICTORIA, HONGKONG.

By Mr. E. V. M. DE SOUSA.

For further Particulars and Conditions of Sale, Apply to Messrs. JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER, Prince's Buildings, Hongkong, or to Mr. E. V. M. DE SOUSA, The Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1926. [3225]

WELL Known Firm of British Importers long established in Hongkong and Canton Require Thoroughly Competent COMRADE for Hongkong At Once. Satisfactory Negotiable Security will be Required.—Reply: H. I., GENERAL POST OFFICE, Hongkong. [3226]

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INTIMATIONS

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING 1926.

MARCH 1st, 2nd, 3rd AND 6th.

TICKETS of ADMISSION to the Public Enclosure may be obtained from Messrs. KELLY & WALSH or at the GATE. Price—\$3 Per Day. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform—\$1 Per Day. No one Admitted without a Ticket to be shown to the Ticket Inspector at the Gate.

LINSTEAD & DAVIS,
Treasurers. [3192]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING 1926.

MARCH 1st, 2nd, 3rd AND 6th.

MEMBERS have the privilege of introducing Two Non-members to the Members' Enclosure.

A Limited Number of Tickets are available and may be obtained from Messrs. LINSTEAD & DAVIS, Alexandra Buildings, on or before SATURDAY FEBRUARY 27th, 1926.

Price:—\$10 Per Day or \$30 for the Meeting.

LINSTEAD & DAVIS,
Treasurers. [3189]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING 1926.

MARCH 1st, 2nd, 3rd AND 6th.

THE Stewards request the pleasure of the Presence of the Ladies at The Races. [3190]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING 1926.

MARCH 1st, 2nd, 3rd AND 6th.

PASSES for SERVANTS will be Issued on Application to Messrs. LINSTEAD & DAVIS, ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS. No Servants will be allowed inside the Enclosure of the Race Course during Race Days WITHOUT TICKETS.

These Tickets are only available for Servants while in Attendance on their Employers or when On Duty at the Various Stands.

Any Persons found loitering about with Servants' Passes in their possession will forfeit them and holders will be Removed from the Enclosure.

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary. [3191]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING 1926.

MARCH 1st, 2nd, 3rd AND 6th.

MEMBERS' BADGES of ADMISSION are Now Ready and may be obtained by those Members, who have not already received them, from Messrs. LINSTEAD & DAVIS, ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS.

Members are Reminded that these Badges will also Admit them to All THE EXTRA RACE MEETINGS This Year.

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary. [3193]

NORTH CHINA INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

SCRIP LOST.

SCRIP CERTIFICATE of SIX SHARES Numbered 6555 to 6660, registered at the Head Office in the Name of WING SIN SUN Has Been Declared to be LOST or MISLAIN, and Application having been made to the Court of Directors for a Duplicate, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that unless the said Certificate be presented or any objection lodged at the Office of the Company in Shanghai on or before the 3rd MARCH, 1926, a New Certificate will be issued.

By Order of Court of Directors,
C. M. G. BURNIE,
General Manager
Shanghai, 3rd February, 1926. [3188]

RUPERT WILLIAM BROADLEY (DECEASED).

ALL Persons having Claims against the Estate of RUPERT WILLIAM BROADLEY, late Lightkeeper in the Chinese Customs Service who died at HOWKI, SHANTUNG, on November 21st Last, are hereby Required to Forward Same on or before 31st MARCH, 1926, to the Under-signed, who has been appointed by H.M. CONSULAR COURT at Chefoo, to administer the said Estate as an Officer of Court under Rule 285 (1) of the China Rules of Court 1905.

No Claims against the Estate received by the Under-signed after 31st MARCH, 1926, will be considered.

Persons owing Money to the Estate are Required to Pay Same to the Under-signed on or before 31st MARCH, 1926.

J. MILBANK,
Chefoo, 1st February, 1926. [3189]

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INTIMATIONS

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-NINTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd, 1926, at 11 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the Year ended December 31st, 1925. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12th, 1926, to TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd, 1926, Both Days Inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
F. H. CRAPPELL,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, February 4th, 1926. [3145]

HONGKONG TRAMWAYS, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING OF HONGKONG TRAMWAYS, LIMITED, will be held at the Offices of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., on THURSDAY, the 25th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1926, at 12 O'CLOCK NOON, to Transact the Ordinary Business of the Company.

By Order of the Board,
W. F. SIMONS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 18th February, 1926. [3202]

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 27th FEBRUARY, 1926, at 11 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st DECEMBER, 1925.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 15th FEBRUARY, to SATURDAY, the 27th FEBRUARY, 1926 (both days inclusive), during which Period No. Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
A. E. BARLOW,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 8th February, 1926. [3180]

UNION WATERBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Offices of Messrs. DODWELL & COMPANY, LIMITED, on THURSDAY, the 4th MARCH, 1926, at 11 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st DECEMBER, 1925.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 27th FEBRUARY to 4th MARCH, 1926, Both Dates Inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
General Managers. [3204]

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.

PUBLIC AUCTION OF THE VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY

Situate at VICTORIA in the Colony of Hongkong and registered at the Land Office as Section G of SUBSECTION 5 of Section A of LAND LOT No. 795, Together with the Messuage or Tenement and other Erections and Buildings thereon now known as No. 17, HILL ROAD.

THE VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY

Situate at MONG KOK STREET in the Dependency of Kowloon and Colony of Hongkong and registered at the Land Office as Section B of Kowloon Island Lot No. 1281, Together with the Messuages or Tenements and other Erections and Buildings thereon now known as Nos. 224 to 302, PORTLAND STREET (Even Numbers).

IN TWO LOTS

By Mr. E. V. M. DE SOUSA, Auctioneer, AT THE CHINA AUCTION ROOMS, No. 4, DUNDRELL STREET, HONGKONG, ON TUESDAY, the 9th DAY OF MARCH, 1926, AT 3 O'CLOCK P.M.

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Messrs. GEO. K. HALL BRUTTON & CO., Mortgagee Solicitors, 5th George's Building, Chester Road, or to—

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Dated the 22nd day of February, 1926. [3218]

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BIRTH.

HARRIS.—At Shanghai, on February 16th, to Mr. and Mrs. A. R. HARRIS, a daughter.

DEATHS.

GURRAY.—On the 22nd February, at 10.45 a.m., at 9, Macdonnell Road, KATE SEEMAN SASSOON GURRAY, in her 77th year.—Funeral will pass the Monument at 3.30 a.m., 23rd inst. No flowers by request. (India Papers please copy.) [3202]

LEW.—At Shanghai, on February 14th, WILLIAM LEW, aged 52 years.

Hongkong Office: 14, Chater Road.

London Office: 131, Fleet Street, E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 23RD, 1926

ACTION AT CANTON.

As last some decisive action has been taken to put a definite stop to the outrageous conduct of the organization at Canton which, with the connivance of the local Government, charges itself with the task of enforcing a boycott of what it terms "imperialist" goods, in open defiance of the Treaties whereby China guarantees that subjects of the Treaty Powers may carry on mercantile pursuits "without molestation or restraint" at Canton and every other Treaty port in China. The instrument of this corrective action is very properly the Chinese Maritime Customs Administration for the restraint of trade and the unlawful seizure and confiscation of cargoes manifestly detrimentally affects the Customs revenue, and, since that revenue forms the security for foreign loans, the prestige of China as a whole is menaced by the unlawful activities of this robber organization. After failing in all other means to stop the removal of cargo by Strike Pickets from the custody of the Customs, the Commissioner has taken the drastic step of practically closing the port until the large quantity of cargo now in the unlawful possession of the boycott pickets—an accumulation, it is stated, of some two thousand packages—has been surrendered and returned to the Customs for examination and assessment of duty.

H.M.S. *Vindictive* arrived yesterday morning, replacing H.M.S. *Hermes*.

Sir Francis Aglen, Inspector-General of Customs, arrived in Shanghai last week from Peking, *via* Tientsin by steamer.

Among the passengers who returned to the Colony from Home by the *Hakozaki Maru* yesterday were Mr. F. M. Crawford and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. B. Nihil.

An armed robbery was committed at a Chinese widow's hut at Tokwanan, Hungnam on Sunday night. Sixteen dollars was all that the men could find.

Before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Magistracy yesterday, four men, alleged to be implicated in an armed robbery, perpetrated at No. 493, Nathan Road, on January 15th were remanded for one week.

Before Mr. Lindell at the Central Magistracy yesterday, two men charged with the possession of seditious literature, were respectively fined \$50 or four weeks' imprisonment, and \$200 or two months' hard labour.

By closing the port we mean that no permits for working cargo in the harbour either at Canton or Whampoa will be issued, or, in other words, that all loading and discharging of cargo must be suspended. This action is taken in the general public interest and for the safeguarding of the Customs revenue.

We understand that repeated warnings had been previously given to the Canton Government and that one last week was in the nature of an ultimatum, but what reply, if any, was made by the Government we are not aware.

That a warning was addressed to the Canton Government by the Administration of the Maritime Customs is in itself evidence of the fact that the Hongkong Government is not alone in regarding the Canton Government as "principals" in the matter of these boycotting operations.

It remains to be seen whether the Canton Government is willing and able to successfully stop these outrageous operations by pickets employed by a nominally unofficial organisation, or whether it will attempt to defy and circumvent the action taken by the Maritime Customs Administration. It is not forgotten that action has been contemplated before now by the local Government at Canton to get control of the Customs at Canton "by establishing an independent Customs administration, and it will be recalled that this action speedily brought to Canton an imposing array of gunboats representing many nations, whereupon the idea of interfering with the Customs administration was wisely abandoned." It scarcely needs to be said that the Foreign Powers are extremely reluctant to forcibly intervene in matters which should strictly concern the Government of China, but in a matter of this kind all the nations trading with China are concerned.

The cargo seized by the so-called strike pickets is not entirely British cargo; it represents the goods of all nations. The rights of all the Powers under the Treaties have been flagrantly violated by the brigandage of these pickets, and if both the local Government at Canton and the Central Government of the Republic of China are powerless to protect these rights, the Powers must either acquiesce in the outrage or co-operate with the one branch of the Chinese Administration, which has taken up a firm and decisive stand against it. We trust that the necessity for foreign intervention will not arise, but that the practical common-sense line of action taken by Colonel HAYLEY-BELL—obviously with the full concurrence and by direct order of the higher authorities in Peking—will be speedily effective. While the Commissioner, as an official in the service of China, is, of course, concerned only to serve the interests of China, he is at the same time serving the interests of all foreign traders in the efforts he is making to safeguard the Customs revenue because the effect of his action is that a stop must be put to flagrant violation of the pledges of the Chinese Government that subjects of the Treaty Powers shall be permitted to carry on their mercantile pursuits without molestation and restraint.

Mr. W. S. Bailey, who retired from the Presidency of the Kowloon Residents' Association at the annual meeting last evening, is leaving shortly for Home on holiday.

A runner of the American Express Company, was fined \$10 at the Central Magistracy yesterday for obstructing a constable whilst on duty at Lyndhurst Terrace.

Yesterday being "Washington Day" all the warships in the harbour were "dressed" and also flew the Stars and Stripes. At noon a salute was fired. The first United States President, George Washington, was born on February 22nd, 1732.

Word has been received by the Y.M.C.A. in Hongkong that Sir Arthur K. Yapp, K.B.E., National Secretary of the Y.M.C.A., who is leaving London on February 25th to tour India and the Far East, is expected to arrive in Hongkong on the P. & O.s. *Khyber* on April 26th, en route for Shanghai.

Of the forty beggars deported from the Colony last week, ten returned by the same steamer, as they had not the means, or were not allowed to land in Canton. The local authorities dealt with the problem by deporting the lot on a police launch to Deep Bay in Chinese territory and dumping them there.

Mr. Albert O'Donoghue was admitted and enrolled as a solicitor by Sir Henry Gollan, the Chief Justice, at the Supreme Court yesterday. The application was made by the Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, K.C., the Attorney-General, who said that Mr. O'Donoghue was admitted as a solicitor in the Supreme Court in Ireland in 1917.

There will be a treat in store at the Theatre Royal to-night, when Signora Maria Hilda Vallarino, will sing selections from grand opera and other items. The Signora's programme will be augmented by contributions by Mr. H. E. Gardner, Mr. Harry Ore, Mr. F. Mason, and Signora Guzman who also has an international reputation.

It is understood on good authority, says the *N.C. Daily News*, that a number of local merchants are proposing to establish still another bank in Shanghai, with branches all along the Lung-Hai Railway. The new institution will be known as the Lung-Hai Banking Corporation and it will have a fully paid up capital of \$1,000,000.

At this afternoon's meeting of the Sanitary Board, Dr. Koch will move the following resolution:—"This Board is of opinion that the routine bacteriological examination of the potable waters of the Colony should be made at not less frequent intervals than one week, and respectfully requests that the authorities give directions accordingly."

A local referee, Mr. G. C. Sleep, R.N., is leaving for Home shortly on H.M.S. *Concord*. During his period of service with Stonecutters Range Staff, Mr. Sleep has conducted football matches with credit, earning the respect of both players and spectators. He is an official referee of the Royal Navy and Marines and, of course, of the H.K.F.A.

It is stated that the Canton director of telegraphs has informed Shekling, Samchun, Hongkong and Swatow stations that steps will be taken to restore communication between Hongkong and Swatow. The land line will branch off at Cheung-muk-tau (on the Kowloon-Canton Railway) to the East River, and intermediate stations will not be permitted to use the new line.

The welcome news has been received by the Chinese judiciary that the Minister of Justice, Dr. Ma Chun Wu, has succeeded in obtaining a large sum of money for the upkeep of the various law courts throughout the country in order that the various judicial officers may be properly paid and that preparations may be made for the forthcoming visit of the extraterritoriality commissioners. The money, it is said, will come from the Customs surplus.

Mr. and Mrs. David Austin, of Quarry Bay, have suffered a sad bereavement in the loss of their three-year-old son, Alec, whose death took place at the Victoria Hospital yesterday morning. The little fellow was taken seriously ill on Sunday afternoon, and was removed to hospital at two o'clock yesterday morning, passing away about five hours later. Mr. and Mrs. Austin and family had only recently returned to the Colony, and much sympathy is felt for them in their loss.

LOCAL WEDDING.

MR. J. N. OWEN AND MISS A. M. MEADOWS.

A quiet, but pretty wedding took place at St. John's Cathedral, yesterday afternoon, the contracting parties being Mr. J. Norris Owen, of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., and Miss Ada May Meadows, recently of the Helena May Institute, and who for the past two years has been employed in the Public Works Department.

The bride, who was given in marriage by Mr. E. A. G. May, was attired in a dress of white georgette, trimmed with *dianthe*, wore a veil, and wreath of orange blossom and carried a bouquet of pink roses.

She was attended by her sister, Miss Winifred Meadows, who wore a pale mauve frock, with hat to match, and carried a bouquet of violets. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. N. W. Halward, M.C.

Later Mr. and Mrs. Norris Owen left for Fanning, where the honeymoon is being spent, the bride wearing, as a going away dress, a three-piece rock coloured gown. Mr. and Mrs. Norris Owen leave for Home on the *s.s. Necker* on March 3rd.

CABLE AND WIRELESS NEWS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

MISSING TRAWLER.

AEROPLANES' FRUITLESS SEARCH FOR "CARDIGAN CASTLE."

Rosny, February 21st.
Aeroplanes belonging to the Irish Free State flew 300 miles last evening over islands on the west coast of Ireland, searching for a trace of the crew of the missing Welsh fishing trawler, *Cardigan Castle*, which, with a sister ship the *Tenby Castle* disappeared in a terrific storm some days ago.

After all hope had been abandoned it was found last week that the crew of the *Tenby Castle* were safe on a small rocky island, having been saved by a few fisher folk inhabitants. One man from the *Cardigan Castle* was also picked up, but the aeroplanes last night found no trace of the rest of the crew. The aeroplane search is being continued, but so far without success.

BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR.

23,000 VISITORS IN THE PAST WEEK.

Rosny, February 21st.
The second and final week of the British Industries Fair, two sections of which are being held simultaneously at the White City, London, and Birmingham, begins to-morrow, after the first week which has produced very satisfactory results.

Many thousands of trade buyers from over 40 different countries and from all parts of the United Kingdom have visited both sections and many large orders were placed, while a large number of new accounts have been opened. The value of goods already ordered at the London section alone exceeds £1,000,000, and many enquiries have been received which it is expected will lead to business. During the past week over 23,000 people have visited the London Fair as compared with 10,000 during the first week of the Fair held in London in 1924.

The Prince of Wales is visiting the Birmingham Fair on Tuesday, where the attendance and business have also been very considerable.

MEASURE TO PROTECT BUYERS.

FOOD COUNCIL'S REPORT ON SHORT WEIGHT.

Rosny, February 21st.
The Food Council, which under the Chairmanship of Lord Bradbury has been investigating the question of short weight in regard to articles of food retailed by shops, has issued its report, which contains many recommendations for the protection of purchasers. *Inter alia* the Council recommends that all packages containing foodstuffs should be clearly marked with the net weight at the time of packing or importation, which ever is the later. Warrant clauses by persons resident outside the United Kingdom should not be available as a defence. The Council specifies the number of articles which it recommends shall be retailed exclusively by net weight, including jam, meat, and cereals. The Council does not suggest that the giving of short weight and the measure is generally prevalent in the retail trade of the country but states that the local authorities are emphatically of the opinion that further protective legislation is called for.

It is anticipated that legislation giving effect to the Council's proposals will be introduced by the Government during present Parliamentary session.

SHIPYARD DISPUTES.

RESULT OF BALLOT ON NEW CONCILIATION MACHINERY.

Rosny, February 21st.
The detailed result of the ballot of Unions affiliated to the Federation of Engineering and Shipbuilding Trades on the ratification of an agreement establishing new conciliation machinery for the avoidance of disputes in the shipbuilding industry, shows that there were 9,066 votes for the agreement and 2,778 votes against. In addition to the ballot returns, ten Unions intimated their acceptance of the agreement and did not take a ballot vote.

C.S. SPORTS GROUND.

OPENED BY H.M. THE KING.

Rosny, February 21st.
His Majesty the King opened on Saturday a large new sports ground at Chiswick, London, for the use of civil servants. The ground consists of thirty acres, to be devoted to football, cricket, tennis, hockey, and other games. Its cost is borne entirely by the civil servants, and without any aid from public money.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BOMBAY RECLAMATION.

GOVERNMENT TO CONTINUE WITH SCHEME.

BOMBAY, February 22nd.
The Government has decided to continue the work on three blocks of Back Bay Land Reclamation Scheme, and will invite tenders for the earth filling of two blocks. The order must compare the economic possibilities hereof with dredging.

[A previous message sent on the 7th inst., concerning this scheme stated:—The unsatisfactory progress in the scheme to reclaim 1,145 acres at the back bay, Bombay, is the subject of sensational reports of the Committee of Investigation. The majority report points out that the estimated cost of filling in the area was seriously at fault. It recommends completing three out of eight blocks; proposes that consideration of the completion of the scheme be postponed to 1927-28; and considers that the Government should have exercised greater prudence in accepting the estimate of Sir George Buchanan regarding the output of the dredger by Sir G. Buchanan's expert adviser and the main responsibility must rest with him. The minority report characterises the action of the Government as a grave scandal and recommends the abolition of the development directorate.]

LOSS TO SCIENCE.

DEATH OF PROF. KAMERLINGH ONNES.

LEYDEN, February 22nd.
The death has occurred at Leyden of Professor Kamerlingh Onnes.

[Professor Onnes was Professor and Director of the Physical Laboratory, Leyden. He was born at Groningen on September 21st, 1853. He was a Foreign Member of the Royal Societies of London, Dublin and Edinburgh, and was an hon. member of the Royal Institute of Great Britain. He discovered the possibility of perpetual electric current through metals at certain temperatures. He won the Nobel Prize for Physics in 1913.]

MOROCCAN TROUBLE.

TRIBESMEN RISE AGAINST ABD EL KRIM.

PARIS, February 22nd.
The *Journal* learns from Tetuan that a number of tribesmen in the area between Shechauen and Gomara, are refusing to pay taxes required by Abd el Krim, and are rising against him.

EXPEDITION TO NEW GUINEA.

BATAVIA, February 22nd.
The Dutch Captain Posthumus, has been appointed military leader of Professor Stirling's expedition to New Guinea.

FRENCH FINANCES.

NEW TAXATION APPROVED BY SENATE COMMITTEE.

PARIS, February 21st.
The Finance Committee of the Senate has adopted the tax on exports passed by the Chamber and rejected a motion to send back the Finance Bill to the Chamber with a request for the Chamber to make up the difference between the sums voted and those required by the Treasury. The Committee then, at the request of the Government, adopted by twenty-two votes with eight abstentions, the tax payment which the Chamber had rejected.

FIVE THOUSAND MILLION FRANCES.

LATER.
The Finance Committee of the Senate has passed the whole of the Finance Bill.

The taxation voted by the Committee is as follows:—Firstly, 1,000,000,000 francs already voted by the Chamber, and secondly, 3,385,000,000 francs which the Government submitted to the Chamber and afterwards asked the Senate Committee to restore; thus making a total of 4,385,000,000 francs. The Minister of Finance will now ask the Chamber to vote 400,000,000 from the increase in the Customs duties, but he does not need to ask legislative sanction to take over the 200,000,000 resulting from the sale of old stocks. Thus, the 5,385,000,000 which M. Doumer regards as necessary to balance the Budget for 1926, should be assured.

"WHITE AUSTRALIA" POLICY.

THREATENED BY IMPORTATION OF ASIATICS TO PACIFIC.

MELBOURNE, February 21st.
The Reverend Paton, who has been a Missionary in the New Hebrides for 34 years, says the French are importing Asiatics wholesale to their Pacific possessions. Australians must protest against this or they will be forced to abandon the White Australia policy.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

WAR IN THE NORTH.

CONFLICTING REPORTS REGARDING FENG.

PEKING, February 22nd.
Mr. Chapin, the American Vice-Consul, reports that he has removed to a position of safety seventeen Americans who were outside Hsin Yang. The bombardment of the city has continued since the 18th inst.

The position on the Shanhaikuan front is unchanged, although the Fengian forces are being reinforced there and also in the Jehol region. Meanwhile the First Kyominhuan Army is reinforcing the Third on the Chihli-Shantung Border and Second in Honan.

Reports regarding General Feng Yu Hsiang are conflicting, but the belief is growing that he has re-entered the fighting lines where his adherents have the great advantage of holding the interior lines, where their opponents are so widely scattered that co-operation is difficult. Tuan Chi Jui's countersignature to the punitive mandate has caused general surprise, but the explanation probably lies in the mere fact that the Kuomintang dominates Peking.

PEKING AND WU.

PEKING, February 22nd.
A mandate ordering a punitive expedition against Wu Pei Fu was issued yesterday afternoon.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

AUSTRALIAN BUSH FIRES.

LINK UP ON 100 MILE FRONT.

SYDNEY, February 21st.
A message from Wagga Wagga, N.S.W., says that five bush fires have now linked up and are burning along a front of 100 miles, threatening a large area of valuable mountain timbers, and numbers of sheep and cattle in the Tumbarumba Mountains.

TENNIS ON THE RIVIERA.

MISS HELEN WILLS' SUCCESS IN SINGLES.

BRUSSELS, February 21st.
In the finals of the ladies' singles of the lawn tennis tournament, Miss Helen Wills beat Mrs. Satterwaite 6-1, 6-1. In the finals of the men's singles, Von Kehning (Hungary) beat the English Davis Cup player Kingsley, 7-5, 3-6, 8-1, 6-3.

FRENCH TENNIS CHAMPION.

NOT TO PLAY AGAIN TILL JUNE.

PARIS, February 21st.
Mdlle. Lenglen, who it was reported had heart trouble, states definitely that she has decided, on her doctor's orders, not to play any more singles at the Riviera this season. Her next meeting with Miss Helen Wills will be in June, when they may meet in the International Championships at the Racing Club, Paris.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

AMERICAN GOLF.

COMPSTON AND MASSY'S WIN.

NEW YORK, February 22nd.
At St. Augustine, Florida, in an eighteen hole golf match Compston and Massy, conceding eight bisques, beat Miss Collett and Miss Browne by one hole.

COUNTESS RELEASED.

NEW YORK, February 22nd.
The Countess of Cathcart has been released from Ellis Island, and is for ten days under a personal bond of \$500. She landed at New York at midnight.

BELIEF IN WITCHCRAFT.

"IGNORANT SUPERSTITIONS."

An amazing story of belief in witchcraft was told at Tipton, Staffs., last month when two men were bound over for threatening a woman van dweller, named Haddington. The evidence showed a belief that the woman possessed supernatural powers, and that she had cast a spell over the wife of one of the defendants and the sister of the other. This woman became demented, and was removed to a lunatic asylum. Several witnesses said the men were afraid that Haddington would put a curse on them, and they would not go near her.

The chairman said there was a surprising and deplorable amount of ignorant superstitions in the district which he thought was eradicated forty years ago. He hoped these poor misguided people would get it out of their heads that this woman had any supernatural powers over them. "For God's sake," he added, "get rid of such silly ideas with education and improved intelligence. It is amazing they should exist at all."

NEW MEDICAL COLLEGE AT SINGAPORE.

FORMALLY OPENED LAST WEEK.

The new King Edward VII. College of Medicine at Singapore—which is described as "certainly the most successful architectural feature to be seen in any Government building in the country"—was formally opened last week by Sir Laurence Guillemard, the Governor of the Straits Settlements.

The Principal, Dr. Macalister, in a speech said:—Two and a half years have elapsed since the day on which the foundation stone of this building was well and truly laid, in the presence of the members and delegates of the Fifth Congress of the Far Eastern Association of Tropical Medicine. The presence on that occasion of representatives from many countries gave proof of a sympathetic interest in our activities, extending far beyond the frontiers of Malaya. Since that day, the College has had opportunities of making its aspirations even more widely known, and in response, many expressions of benevolent interest have been received. I am permitted to read to you a message from Sir Humphry Rolleston which should give inspiration to all whose work lies within these walls.

A LEADER'S MESSAGE.

"It is a pleasant privilege to send a line of cordial congratulation to the King Edward VII. College of Medicine, Singapore, on the auspicious occasion of the opening of its new buildings and of the new era in its history. Young in years, the College has now a fine future and prospect of increasing usefulness and success in encouraging research and in maintaining a high standard of medical education. May it prosper for ever." (Applause.)

Sir Humphry Rolleston occupies two of the highest offices in the medical world of Britain. He is President of the Royal College of Physicians and Regius Professor of Physic at the University of Cambridge. His message, therefore, brings to us a word of paternal approval from one of the largest Universities and from the proudest medical corporation in the world. I hope that I may be authorized to respond with no more formal courtesy of thanks, but with a promise to justify the hopes for the future prospects of our College, so felicitously conveyed to us.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR, in the course of his address, said:—In its outward aspect, the College plainly shows the qualities of strength and stability.

I hope that the virtues displayed in the shell of its habitation may be reflected by the organism that abides within. I hope that all you who work in this place, in lecture rooms, laboratory, museum or library, may find in your environment an inspiration to strive after the highest ideals of your profession. I hope that the strength, solidity and stability of the building will impress upon your entire corporation, Council, Senate, graduates and students the necessity of preserving unbroken a spirit of loyalty and fidelity to one another and to your College as an indivisible whole. Medicine and science stand apart from all questions of creed, race and caste. And it is only by placing the welfare of your College before all other considerations, by sinking all partisan and sectional divergences in your common labour for its advancement and for the welfare of mankind, that your prosperity and advancement may be secured. (Applause.)

INTERNATIONAL INTEREST.

Modern medicine is international. The science and art of healing have bridled the earth. Science knows no frontiers. To the art of medicine, each race may contribute in accordance with the genius of its national temperament. To-day the investigators of different countries are all working in parallel lines towards the same end. I am told that during the month of January there came to the College visitors from every continent, pilgrims from all corners of the earth, from Brazil and Manchuria; from Sydney and New York; from Gibraltar and Tokyo. I have no doubt that these visitors will carry back to their homes a vivid impression of the promise of your enterprise.

PREVENTIVE BETTER THAN CURE. This is an ancient proverb. I have been told that it is found inscribed upon cuneiform tablets in the ruins in Babylon. It may have been a household word in the caves of our distant progenitors. That proverb as a statement of policy, has now received the official approval of the Ministries of Health throughout the world. And the establishment within this city of the Eastern Bureau of Nations Health Section of the League of Nations cannot fail to act as an incentive to the study of hygiene at this College. It is to be hoped that in the direction of post-graduate study and research, due attention will be given to the development and expansion of the means for protecting the peoples' health.

The Hon. Dr. A. L. Hoors, P.C.M.O.—This is a Malay College, and it has a claim upon everyone—Malay, Chinese, Indian, European or British—who has prospered in Malaya. I should like to see every unimpaired professorship that now exists, supported by foundations contributed by Malayan residents. There can be no better object for a thank offering than the prevention and relief of human disease. Provision for the training of medical men goes to the very root of such prevention. The College has lately been visited and inspected by a very distinguished English Surgeon and teacher, Sir Mayo Robson, and by Sir Robert Woods, a leading Irish surgeon, ex-President of the Irish College of Surgeons. It is their opinion that the facilities for teaching

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CHINA'S GREAT NEED.

A STRONG MAN TO HANDLE THE SITUATION.

SALVATION ARMY OFFICER'S VIEWS.

Staff-Captain Hal Beckett, a pioneer of the Salvation Army's eight years' mission work in Northern China, who recently returned to England, spoke of life and conditions in China in an interview, recently.

"People talk of China," he said, "as a country of disorder, but it was always a chaotic country in many senses. Christianity is represented by people of many nationalities, but with annual wars, famines, and appalling conditions of life in the vast interior, there is always much to be done."

"Is Feng, the Christian General, really a Christian?" Mr. Beckett was asked, and he replied without hesitation, "Feng is really a Christian." Continuing, he said: "The General invited the Salvation Army to hold a service in his camp once a month. Feng's Chief of Staff is an ardent Christian, and he took part in the meetings, singing hymns and joining in the prayers."

The first of the meetings was held in a hall large enough to hold four hundred, but the Salvationists were surprised to see how small a number attended until it was explained that there was nobody present under the rank of major in Feng's army. Immediately following that meeting there was another on the drill ground, when five thousand soldiers were present. To test whether or not the soldiers were Christians, a passage from the Scriptures was read, and the men were asked to follow it. Thereupon every soldier took out a copy of the New Testament.

"China is in need of a strong man," said Captain Beckett, who, committed suicide, was the only man since the days of the Emperors who has really handled the situation in the country. I have had a letter from one of our leaders, who is still in China, and he writes: 'I still believe that General Feng is perfectly straight, and one, if not the chief, of China's great hopes.'

Captain Beckett said that soldiers were to-day the curse of China. The average Chinaman was a good fellow, but it spoiled him to put him into uniform.

TARIFF REVISION.

CONFERENCE STILL IN PERIL.

Mr. Rodney Gilbert writing to the *N.Y. Daily News* from Peking on the 17th inst. said:

The Japanese authorities here are unwilling to make a statement concerning the fruits of Mr. Sahur's visit to Tokyo, but other delegations report that he returned with authority to co-operate with them in fixing the interim increases to net China \$50,000,000 per annum. It is stated, therefore, that the Japanese, American and British delegations are working now in closer harmony than ever before, though the results of their informal discussions are unlikely to be revealed at to-morrow's plenary session.

All parties believe that Japan's agreement to the increases will be conditional upon an understanding with China, now, about the nature of the tariffs under autonomy when it comes into force in 1929. While the continuation of the Conference is now assured by Japan's concessions, the Chinese threaten to wreck it by insisting upon a new proposal concerning the disposition of the increased surplus. They want unconditional control of the prospective surplus, objecting to the stipulations that proportionate amounts should be allotted to the service accounts of the Consolidation Loan, the abolition of *tithe* and administrative expenses, to which demand the foreign delegates could not possibly agree.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ELECTION.

WAYFOONG MAN TO STAND.

Interest in the election of Councillors for the Shanghai Municipal Council was heightened last week when the announcement was made that Mr. H. B. Roe, of the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, had consented to stand.

This, says the *N.Y. Daily News*, ensures that an election will take place in addition to the six retiring Councillors who are again offering their services, four candidates have come forward making ten candidates for nine vacancies. These are Mr. W. P. Lambie (formerly a member of Council), Dr. H. Lovett Cumming, Mr. W. B. McBain and Mr. Roe.

The latest aspirant to Municipal honours has an acquaintance with Shanghai and the Far East covering over 20 years. He joined the Bank in 1904, and in the usual routine of service was in Shanghai up to eight or nine years ago. In 1915 he went home, returning to the Far East in the following year, and in January of last year he was again appointed to Shanghai. He accordingly brings to his candidature an intimate knowledge of financial and other conditions in the Far East.

medicine in this College and in the associated hospitals and public health divisions now exceed in some respects those provided at some of the Home medical schools. Confidence may be felt therefore that money bestowed on the College will be put to good use. Remember too that the medical future of Malaya will depend more and more on our College graduates.

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS.

Diplomas were presented to "three eminent medical men who deserved well of the State"—Sir David James Galloway, Dr. Lim Boon Keng, and Sir Malcolm Watson.

LOCAL THEOSOPHISTS.

SOCIAL IN HONOUR OF MR. M. MANUK.

An enjoyable social was held at the Hongkong Lodge of the Theosophical Society last night, in honour of the president, Mr. M. Manuk, who has been appointed President of the Theosophical Society for the whole of China. It also took the form of a farewell gathering prior to Mr. Manuk's departure for Australia.

Mr. J. Russell presided. Mr. N. B. Talbot spoke of the gratitude and appreciation which the members of the Lodge felt for Mr. Manuk's services. He also referred to the recent conference of Theosophists at Adyar, where there had been present a representative gathering from all parts of the globe.

Continuing, he said that Mr. Manuk with his profound knowledge had enlightened them upon various vital and important subjects so highly beneficial for their daily conduct in life. Those who had heard his able lectures carried away with them the recollection of his eminent capacity and his power to make them realise the divine truth embodied in all religions of the world.

On behalf of himself and the other members he wished Mr. Manuk a very happy time during his short sojourn, and hoped to see him again with renewed vigour to continue his task in carrying out the sacred mission he had so sincerely undertaken for the benefit of his fellow men. (Applause.)

Mr. Wei Tat, Mr. H. C. Lanepart (Hon. Secretary of the Society) and the Chairman also spoke highly of Mr. Manuk's work.

Mr. Manuk, replying, said that he found it very difficult to speak, after all the laudations which had been given him. If he had done anything worthy of their appreciation, he had done it, not as a task, but willingly. He thanked them most heartily for all the kind things they had said of him.

Songs were sung by Mrs. S. Minnie, Mrs. Theisger, Capt. Thomson, and Mr. J. W. Blackley. Mr. Xaver gave a violin solo, Mr. J. C. Rozario, a pianoforte solo, and Mr. Silva recited.

RECONSTRUCTION IN FRANCE.

NORWEGIAN ASSISTANCE.

HONGKONG RESIDENT'S GENEROSITY.

The village of Bouchavesnes in northern France was adopted by the city of Bergen after the war and is now being reconstructed from the money presented by friends of France in Bergen. The municipality of Bergen contributed 50,000 francs but the chief donor to the fund was Mr. H. J. Wallem, the senior partner of Messrs. Wallem & Co., who is now residing in Hongkong.

It was Marshal Foch who suggested to Mr. Wallem that Bergen should adopt this town, north of Berne, the place from which the offensive that resulted in victory. Before the war, Bouchavesnes had a population of 600; during the war it was absolutely demolished.

Mr. Landmark, a very successful Bergen architect, has been charged with the task of designing a new hotel de ville on the hill in the vicinity. This edifice will be white-chalked, one-storied, with the central part adorned with a copper tower and a portal of hewn stone, which resembles some of the fine old buildings of Bergen. Under its roof are gathered schoolrooms for the village children, teacher's dwelling and two assembly rooms.

For the money given by Mr. Wallem himself the village of Bouchavesnes-Bergen now has a fine modern water works and an electricity plant. A statue of Marshal Foch has also been presented by Mr. Wallem and will be unveiled in the near future.

A church has been built in commemoration of those who fell in the war, and the old village church, a fine Gothic edifice, has been rebuilt.

SIR TRAVERS HUMPHREYS.

BRIEF FROM THE DOCK.

"I'LL HAVE THAT ONE."

Sir Travers Humphreys, senior prosecuting counsel to the Crown at the Old Bailey and Recorder of Chichester, received an unexpected brief at London Sessions last month.

A man named Dorsett appeared charged with motor-car thefts and with the theft of accessories. He asked if he could have a "dock brief" for which counsel receives £15, and for which counsel receives £15, and for which counsel receives £15. Permission was granted by Sir Robert Wallace, K.C., the Chairman. At that time there were only four counsel in court, and Sir Travers, who was standing at the time, was examining a motor-car, did not notice what was going on. Dorsett walked from the dock to the well of the court and scanned the faces of counsel. Sir Travers, whose head was bowed, was almost hidden from the prisoner.

To the evident amusement of the court, Dorsett, pointing his finger at Sir Travers, said: "I'll have that one." Sir Travers continued with his inspection of the clock, apparently not realising what had happened.

Sir Robert Wallace remarked, "Sir Travers, you are briefed for the defence."

Sir Travers: Pardon, my lord, really? Realising the position, Sir Travers joined with the three counsel and the Chairman in the laughter.

Elating again, Sir Travers said he hoped that the case would come before Sir Robert Wallace, as he was appearing in the first case on the list. He was told that matters would be arranged so that he could appear in the case.

Later in the day the case was put back to the next Sessions.

LOCAL SPORT.

YACHTING.

ANOTHER LADIES' RACE.

YESTERDAY'S EVENT SAILLED IN BAD WEATHER.

An extra event for the ladies was sailed off yesterday in very depressing weather. There was very little wind, and the boats suffered from occasional calms. The course was from the Club to Channel Rocks, East Rock and to Kowloon Rock, with the finish at the Club. The distance was a little over 6½ miles.

The starters were *Boojum* (Mrs. Mitchell), *Joan* (Mrs. Davidson), *Carl* (Mrs. Barradough), *Alice* (Mrs. Bailyard), *Sealark* (Mrs. Crane), *Adeline* (Miss Hollingsworth), and *Pierrotte* (Mrs. Yeoman).

Joan and *Boojum* kept on the Hongkong side of the harbour on the beat up to Channel Rocks and gained a good lead. The remaining boats found calms and drifted along. Off Kowloon Dock a breeze sprang up and kept up until the two leading boats were over the line. It then fell again, leaving the rest of the boats to struggle over as best they could.

THE RESULTS.

	H'cap.	Finish	Correct
	Course.	Time.	ing
<i>Boojum</i>	1.39	4.20.33	4.18.54
<i>Joan</i>	2.12	4.23.16	4.21.04
<i>Carl</i>	2.45	4.44.36	4.44.36
<i>Alice</i>	2.45	5.01.46	5.01.46
<i>Sealark</i>	1.39	5.04.50	5.03.11
<i>Adeline</i>	1.39	5.13.24	5.11.45

SHOOTING MATCH.

On Sunday H.M.S. *Irquois* met the Hongkong Volunteers in a rifle-league match and won by the margin of 71 points.

Weather conditions were bad, a drizzling rain falling the whole time. Visibility was poor at 500 and 600 yards.

Although the H.K.V.D.C. were defeated they were by no means disgraced for they had to fire with three men short.

INDIVIDUAL SCORES WERE:—

H.M.S. "IRQUOIS."	200	500	800	Total
Mr. A. Day	21	31	25	77
Sub-Lt. Jenkins	18	23	25	66
C.P.O. Stapp	22	30	20	72
P.O. Vincent	23	22	8	53
Ldg. S. Woodford	21	10	22	53
A.B. Hoare	20	24	14	58
A.B. Lobb	20	24	22	66
A.B. Webb	24	25	15	64
Total				541

Plus 25 (6% for open sight) 568

H.K.V.D.C.	200	500	800	Total
J. Lyon	21	32	29	82
N. L. H. Ralston	25	29	32	86
D. Reid	26	25	30	81
T. Williams	26	22	33	81
F. Goodman	23	29	24	76
C. Figgitt	25	30	18	73
Total				495

GOLF.

The semi-final at Fanling on Sunday in the junior championship of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club resulted:—

G. Layton beat A. W. Shovelton, 2 up. A. O. Brown meets A. Humphreys next Sunday in the other semi-final.

LAWN TENNIS.

ASSOCIATION MEETING.

Mr. R. Hancock presided at the meeting of the Lawn Tennis Association held yesterday evening in the pavilion of the Hongkong Cricket Club, at which representatives of the following Clubs were present, viz.—Hongkong Cricket Club, Kowloon C.C., Chinese Recreation Club, India R.C., Tai Koo R.C., Craigengower C.C., Club de Recreio, Netherlands Club and the Volunteers.

The Hon. Secretary, Mr. B. W. E. Bishop, read the minutes of the last meeting, which were confirmed. The statement of accounts showed a credit balance of \$80.79, which will be carried forward to this year.

THREE LEAGUES FOR THE SEASON.

It was unanimously decided to run three leagues for the current season, viz. the "A," "B" and "C" Divisions; and it was further resolved that "Any person who plays twice for a higher division shall be ineligible to play for a lower one." The following have already entered:—

"A" Division—Hongkong C.C., Kowloon C.C., Chinese R.C. and Indian R.C.
 "B" Division—Hongkong C.C., Kowloon C.C., Craigengower C.C., Chinese R.C., Indian R.C., and Club de Recreio.
 "C" Division—Hongkong C.C., Kowloon C.C., Craigengower C.C., Chinese R.C., Tai Koo R.C., and the Club de Recreio.

It was also decided to play return matches in all the divisions.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

It was proposed by Mr. Bishop (Hon. Secretary) and seconded by Mr. C. Young (Tai Koo) that Mr. R. Hancock and Mr. S. R. Beyer be re-elected President and Vice-President respectively of the Association for the ensuing year. The motion was passed unanimously.

Mr. G. W. Sewell was unanimously elected Hon. Secretary on the proposal of Mr. G. Miskin, seconded by Mr. Bishop. A vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Bishop, the retiring Hon. Secretary, who is going on home leave next April, for his good work during the past season.

KOWLOON MARATHON RACE.

ENTRIES FOR THE EVENT.

The fifth annual Kowloon Marathon Race under the auspices of the St. Andrew's Young Men's Club is to take place on Monday, March 1st. All the necessary arrangements have been carried out by the Committee of the Club. The entries closed on Saturday last, and no fewer than 19 names have been received.

The East Surreys Regiment has sent in 5 representatives, as against 15 last year, and amongst them last year's winner—Bandsman R. Hainen, and others who also participated at the previous race.

Mr. G. R. More, last year's second, did not enter. Two entries from H.M.S. *Ondalught*, one from H.M.S. *Despatch*, one from the Kowloon Naval Depot, one from the Hongkong Naval Yard—Mr. E. G. Evans, who will be the youngest contestant to run in the Kowloon Marathon, two from the H.Q. & D.E.R.A., while amongst the civilians—four in number, two are representing the Club—Mr. Mason and Mr. Hammond. These make up the complete list of this year's entries.

The race will be started by Mr. C. Whitley outside the St. Andrew's Church at 4.30 p.m. sharp. The distance is approximately 6½ miles. The course to be taken will be the usual one, along Nathan Road and then past the Kowloon Mortuary to Kowloon City. The return journey will be by-way of the Victoria Home through Hung Hom, along Chatham Road turning into Nathan Road by Middle Road and then back to the Church.

The following are the officials:—Judges: Rev. G. R. Arrowsmith (President of the Club), Rev. C. R. Lindsay and Mr. P. Sands (Vice-Presidents); Starter: Mr. C. Whitley; Time-keepers: Messrs. Frank N. W. Doodna, Baldwin, and Bannister.

The prizes, which have been generously presented by Sir Paul Chater (Patron), Messrs. R. M. Dyer, and W. S. Bailey, will be distributed by Mrs. V. Arrowsmith in the Church Hall immediately after the race.

ALICE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—

Mr. Ho Pak Shan	\$100
Mr. Tang Man Tin	50
Mr. Tang Man Chiu	50
Mr. So Shau Nam	30
Mr. Chan Siu Hing	30
Mr. Tse Yat Cho	30
Mr. Chan Foon Tin	30
Mr. Chu Chik Man	30
Mr. Kung Yek Man	30
Mr. Choy Po Lu	25
Mr. Tam Pak Shiu	25
Mr. Chau Chung Pang	25
Total	\$455

ARRESTED AS A SPY.

AMERICAN VICE-CONSUL TO INVESTIGATE.

According to telegrams from Hankow the Rev. John Bly has been arrested by the Kuomintang and charged with having acted as a spy.

The American Vice-Consul has been ordered to Hsinyangchow from Hankow to investigate with regard to the Rev. Bly and the Rev. Nelson.

The Rev. Nelson, of the Lutheran Mission, was killed at his home in Hsinyangchow by a stray bullet. It is stated that the mission buildings are riddled with shots.

The directory of Protestant missions lists a Mr. and Mrs. D. Nelson, as connected with the Lutheran United Mission at Hsinyangchow. Mr. Nelson was one of the pioneers in Norwegian Lutheran Mission work in Honan. He came to China for the mission 36 years ago, joining the mission at Hsinyangchow in 1890, the year after it was opened.

THE GRAND NATIONAL.

FLY MASK BREAKS HIS NECK.

A special cable to the Singapore *Free Press* from London on February 4th says:—

Mr. H. Laidlaw's Fly Mask, one of the most strongly fancied candidates of the sixty entered for the Grand National on March 27th, broke his neck while racing at Haydock Park yesterday.

Fly Mask and Old Tay Bridge were regarded as the most reliable pair for the Grand National, in which Fly Mask would have been making his third attempt this year. He was generally accounted unlucky when he finished four lengths behind the winner, Master Robert, in 1924, and last year he was third behind Double Chance and Old Tay Bridge.

HOCKEY.

YESTERDAY'S FIXTURE POSTPONED.

Owing to bad weather prevailing yesterday, the last hockey match in the Sim Shield competition arranged for yesterday afternoon between the Army and the Hongkong Club at the U.S.R.C. ground was postponed. This match will now take place on Friday afternoon and at the close of the game the presentation of the Sim Shield will be made to the winners of the competition (the Royal Navy).

"OUR RACE NOT YET RUN."

INSPIRING SPEECH BY THE PREMIER.

Remarkable analogies between the histories of the two greatest Empires the world has ever known—the Roman and the British—were drawn by Mr. Stanley Baldwin, the Prime Minister, in an address to the Classical Association in London recently.

There were, said Mr. Baldwin, fears amongst those responsible for government to-day that the Great War, by the destruction of our best lives in such numbers, had not left enough of the breed to carry on the work of Empire.

"Our task is hard enough," he declared, "but it will be accomplished yet. Who in Europe does not know that one more war in the West and the civilization of the ages will fall with as great a shock as that of Rome? She has left danger signals along the road. It is for us to read them."

"Our race is not yet run," continued Mr. Baldwin. "But we shall run more worthily so long as we base our lives on the stern virtues of the Roman character, and take to ourselves the warnings that she left for our guidance."

Mr. Baldwin, speaking of his personal love of the classics, told how, when he was fighting his first election, he found recreation and solace in Virgil and Horace.

VALUE OF PLAIN FOLK.

Mr. Baldwin said that though he had no qualifications for delivering a presidential address to that association, he took heart from the thought that while the lamp of classical learning must be trimmed and kept burning by the scholars, yet the light that was diffused depended to some extent on the fuel, and that was provided by an army of plain folk with conviction and enthusiasm in their hearts. Proceeding, Mr. Baldwin said:—

To be an Englishman, native of a country which was an integral part of the Roman Empire for a period as long as from the Reformation until this present night, and to be ignorant of the history of that Empire is to be without that sense of perspective in viewing both the change of events and their day to day reactions which is essential to see our national life and to see it whole.

It was not for nothing that Western Europe was forced on the anvil of Rome, and who can say how much we owe to those long years of Roman law, Roman discipline, Roman faith, and partnership in a common empire? During the first four centuries of the present era Roman thought and Roman manners imposed themselves upon our island and made themselves a home here.

THOSE GREAT ROADS.

Rome must have seemed very real and present to the children of the new by hamlets as they saw the great roads creeping towards them, past them, and ever onwards, in ruthless and undeviating course, making the furthest ends of the island pervious to the legions' tread. Shy traffickers coming from wild fastnesses as they chanced upon a Roman highway and, shading their eyes with their hands, saw it pass into the horizon, must have been awed at the thought of that great artery that beat at the end of that giant artery. Beautiful buildings, kindly plants and flowers, now so familiar, came in the wake of the eagles and sank their foundations and their roots in English soil.

It may well be that sub-conscious memories of those days, and the mingling of blood for four centuries, played their part no less than the arrival of the Normans in modifying certain characteristics of our Teutonic invaders, and saved us from becoming what Carlyle called "A glutinous race of Jutes and Angles, capable of no grand combination, lumbering about in pot-bellied equanimity, not dreaming of heroic toil, and silence, and endurance, such as leads to the higher places of this universe, and the golden mountain tops where dwell the spirits of the dawn."

FEARS FOR THE FUTURE.

There are fears amongst those who are responsible for government to-day, fears not yet gripping us by the throat but taking grisly shape in the twilight, that the Great War by the destruction of our best lives in such numbers has not left enough of the breed to carry on the work of the Empire. Our task is hard enough, but it will be accomplished yet.

Who in Europe does not know that one more war in the West and the civilization of the ages will fall with as great a shock as that of Rome? She has left danger signals along the road. It is for us to read them.

And as we do so we may look as she did at another history. That Roman Empire of which we were once a part embraced all the countries occupied by people of Hellenic blood. Less in the direct historical succession, though more in the spiritual, the statesman has much to learn from Greece. Her history, as has often been pointed out, is one long failure to create an Empire. Her problem was nearer ours in kind than that of Rome, for her solution had it been effected would have resulted in a commonwealth of nations rather than an Empire on the Roman model. There was no experiment she did not try to win organic unity, but she was defeated by those very characteristics of intellect and temperament which raised her to such heights in poetry, art, and philosophy.

A COMMON BOND.

Believing as I do that much of the civilization and culture of the world is bound up with the life of Western Europe, it is good for us to remember that we Western Europeans have been in historical times members together of a great empire, and that we share in common, though in differing degrees, language, law, and tradition.

That there should be wars between nations who learned their first lessons in citizenship from the same mother seems to me fratricidal insanity. It should rather be our endeavour to help ourselves and to help each other to recover those qualities of character so peculiar to the Romans, the pietas, the gravitas, and the truth of the spoken word. On such foundations alone can civilization be built. On such foundations alone can civilization stand.

O'er a course infinitely hard, with little experience to guide her, Rome ran her mighty race, bearing her torch on high. Of those who came before, of those who followed after, none ran so far, none so surely. And when her course was run the torch came into other hands, who bore it forward according to the strength and guidance that was in them, until after many centuries it was passed to us, the youngest son. Our race is not yet run. But we shall run more worthily so long as we base our lives on the stern virtues of the Roman character and take to ourselves the warnings that she left for our guidance.

THE PERSONAL TOUCH.

Ending what he termed "these modest reflections," and bidding the statesman fly away and the ordinary man step forward, the Premier made reference to the question whether the Greeks or Romans indulged in swearing.

"In our own time," he said, "the words which build up the most exquisite poem we have known to be used in other contexts; to have provided a rhyme for a sentimental song, or patten for a low comedian."

It may be that when the Trifene's rating in the Piræus found his rations short, or the Centurion was jostled in the crowded by-ways of the Subura, winged words used by Homer or Virgil were pressed into the service of each to become the vehicle of their complaint, or abuse, and that these same words in their day had many a frivolous or debasing task to do. But none of this has reached our ears."

It was distressing, he added, to find ourselves saying in ten words what the Roman said in five. How different from the ancients were many of our English scribblers, who swathed the thinnest of thoughts in a profusion of words, in the hope maybe that it would appear larger from its wrappings.

HIS FIRST ELECTION.

If he might strike a personal note he would say that he was indebted to his early training more than he could ever hope to repay. "I remember well the first election I fought," he continued, "It was what was called an old-fashioned election in an ancient borough, now disfranchised. The candidate was expected to spend three evenings a week during the time of his probation in one or another of the public-houses, which jostled each other to vote for the constituency, listening to and vociferously applauding what, for want of a better name, was called, on the locus a non-licendo principle, comic or humorous song. After a time I felt the need of a moral purge, and a literal sedative. It was the work of a moment to find what my soul needed."

"When I came home at night from these orgies I seldom went to bed without reading something of the Odyssey, the Aeneid, or the Odes of Horace. By the date of the election I had read all the last named and most of the others, not without labour in the dictionaries, not always with ease but with care and increasing joy, and with the desired result that though defeated I had passed through the fire, and the smell of burning was not on my garments."

TRIBUTE TO LORD OXFORD.

He had been able, said Mr. Baldwin, to enjoy with unimpaired pleasure the choice of words and the phrasing of those speakers who modelled themselves on the classical tradition. "Without a rival in that style I would place one of the most distinguished members of this association, the Earl of Oxford. Amongst our great speakers we have those whose inspiration is obviously that of Athens and those whose debt is to Rome. The Earl of Oxford is a Roman in his lucidity, in his phrasing, in his felicity. It requires but little stretch of the imagination to picture him in the courts delivering a defence, shall we say, pro Georgio." (Laughter.)

"If I have convinced you of my sincerity as a member of the association I am happy," added Mr. Baldwin. "I may repeat to you what I have said to my friends, that when my work in politics is completed I shall take down all my old companions from my shelves and work once more with dictionary and grammar. I have always kept the embers aglow that they may easily be blown into flame to warm my senile bones."

THE MODERN BOY.

The boy home for the holidays, remarks recent London paper, has had the opportunity of reading during the week, on various eminent authorities, "That he will be a better man than his father."

That he should eat as much as he likes. That his reluctance to washing is founded on high moral principles. That the importance of book learning is much exaggerated.

That "teaching is overdone." The solitary note of criticism is Dr. Cunniff. Curiously enough, he finds the modern boy "nearly entirely undisciplined."




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HIDEOUS GRAVEYARDS.

The Rt. Rev. Herbert Hensley Henson, Bishop of Durham, writes in the *Evening Standard*.

Why should burial-grounds be so repulsive to look at? That is a question which is ever forcing itself on my mind as I traverse my diocese in the fulfilment of my duty. As to the repulsiveness, there will hardly be any question. Individualism runs rampant in cemeteries and churchyards. The self-absorption of sorrow and the jealousy of "ownership" combine to exclude any regard for larger interests than those of the grave-owner. Monuments and inscriptions alike bear the impress of a monstrous and morbid egotism. A cynical philosopher might gather arguments for his bitter creed in these scenes of vulgar ostentation and brazen hypocrisy. They breed cynicism as the mosquito-swamps breed malaria.

Yet there was once a time when the emotions aroused by bereavement found worthy expression. "Christian art in general had its beginnings, and early elaborations in the catacombs, and every phase of it was closely related to the burial of the dead. This is especially true of painting, sculpture, and church architecture."

But very soon there entered a factor which has worked a disastrous change, and which is to-day the principal cause of the repulsive appearance of our burial-grounds. Business, profitable business, twined itself round the whole procedure of interment. Superstition allied itself with sorrow and vanity in providing the opportunity. Prayers for the benefit of the yet living soul, and monuments for the recording of the yet remembered life called for priests, artists, masons, labourers.

PROFITABLE TRADE.

Every burying-ground became a centre of profitable trade. Indeed, the familiar association of the churchyard with the church appears to have grown from a blending of natural piety and professional interest.

As to the origin of burying places (writes that famous antiquary, Bishop White Kennett), many writers have observed that at the first erection of churches no part of the adjacent ground was allotted for interment of the dead, but some place for this purpose was appointed at a farther distance, especially in cities and populous towns, where agreeably to the old Roman law of the Twelve Tables, the place of inhumation was without the walls: first, indefinitely by the wayside, then in some peculiar enclosure assigned to that use.

This practice of remote burials continued to the age of Gregory the Great, when the monks and priests, beginning to offer prayers for souls departed, procured leave for their greater ease and profit, that a liberty of sepulture might be in churches, or in places adjoining to them. This mercenary reason seems to be acknowledged by Pope Gregory himself, whilst he allows that when the parties deceasing are not burdened with heavy sins it may then be a benefit to them to be buried in churches, because their friends and relations, as often as they come to the sacred place, seeing their graves, may remember them and pray to God for them. After this Cuthbert, Archbishop of Canterbury, brought over from Rome this practice into England about the year 750, from which time they date the origin of churchyards in this island.

CREMATION.

The vast increase of the population and its gathering into towns, which are the conspicuous consequences of modern industrialism, have added gravity to the problem of disposing of the dead. It will probably be found that cremation provides the only satisfactory solution, but for many years to come the acceptance of that solution will be hindered by the prejudices and sentimental associations of the people. Therefore, the burial ground will long remain a prominent feature in our community, and its appearance cannot be a matter of indifference to good citizens, who are concerned for the dignity and comfort of popular life.

Happily there is now a general and an increasing reluctance to tolerate social ills which can be removed. We look with a keener and more critical gaze on much that a former generation took for granted as part and parcel of man's inevitable fate.

Why, we ask with growing insistence, should the houses in which the people must needs dwell be repulsive in aspect as well as pinched in accommodation? Why should the streets, in which the children of the poor must to a great extent find their play-grounds, be disfigured by vulgar, and sometimes degrading advertisements? Why must the cinemas, which provide so much of the people's entertainment, produce films which are neither beautiful nor improving? Why must the public-houses, to which the citizens gather for the necessary purposes of society and discussion, be no more than crowded drinking places, in which conversation is difficult, and comfort impossible? Why must the cemeteries and churchyards, which in many places form the only public garden which the people possess, be disfigured by displays of personal vulgarity, as offensive to the eye as they must be distressing to the mind of every intelligent visitor?

To speak here only of the last. The control of cemeteries is vested in the elected local authority, that of the churchyards in the incumbent and parochial church council, which has inherited the duties formerly attaching to the churchwardens, subject to the Ordinary—that is, the Bishop. This control extends to the sanctioning of monuments and inscriptions, but it would seem to be exercised very rarely, or very perfunctorily.

(Continued on next column.)

BEETHOVEN'S GIFT. CORRESPONDENCE OF 1827.

The National Library at Vienna has acquired a number of valuable old letters, including some correspondence between Vienna and London in 1827 about the death of Beethoven. In one of these letters, written by J. B. Streicher, a great friend of Beethoven's, it is said that he found him very weak, but deeply moved by "the generous present from London," as Beethoven called the £100 sent him by the Philharmonic Society. It will be remembered that Beethoven, only a short time prior to his death, addressed an urgent appeal for a loan to the Society.

But according to the letters just published he does not appear to have been in such urgent need of the money. Streicher fails to understand how Beethoven, who would never accept a gift even from his intimate friends, and during his last illness insisted on paying his doctor (a famous man who would not take anything from him), should have lost his balance to such an extent as to ask for financial help when there was no immediate necessity for it. Streicher, in his letter, declares that the Vienna did not at all neglect Beethoven and that he was not in trouble; he had so many friends of influence and means in Vienna that it was impossible for him to be in financial straits.

Against this the two following facts are pointed out. Beethoven was fifty-six years of age when he was laid up, and did not expect to die so soon, so that after some time he might have exhausted his means and been left to the mercy of others. In order to prevent this eventuality he appealed to England not for assistance, but for a loan which he intended to repay. The second fact was his great love for his young nephew, a source of endless trouble and sorrow, for whom he may have desired to leave some provision.

Take the case of glass globes and earthenware monuments fantastically shaped. Nothing could be more hideous or more incongruous than these terrible objects, which into the graveyards in have poured into the graveyards in country and city alike. The large cemeteries on the outskirts of our cities have the aspect of market gardens in which kale is being grown wholesale under glass. The globes themselves are bad enough; but they cover and protect an outdoor cemetery—sham flowers. Of all places in the world surely those, in which the stern reality of Death is solemnly proclaimed are the least suitable for artificial decorations.

The rapid extension of these deplorable memorials indicates that a commercial motive is stimulating the popular demand. A vested interest is exploiting the tasteless sentiment of the poor for the disfigurement of the graveyards.

A WARNING AND A PROTEST.

Some two years ago I took occasion when consecrating a churchyard to direct attention to the importance of guarding it against the introduction of unsuitable monuments, and I made special mention of glass globes. A few days later I received a formal protest from "The Artificial Wreath Manufacturers' Section" of the "British Undertakers' Association," which had apparently been startled and almost scandalised by my words.

"Artificial wreath making," I was informed, is entirely a British industry, and a large number of workers are employed in making the article and in its distribution. Subsidiary trades affected are glass makers, tin workers, enamel makers, packing-case makers, railway and cartage contractors, and, in addition, the retail trade, numbering some 12,000 florists and 10,000 undertakers. You will, accordingly, observe that if the action suggested (that is, the prohibition of these monstrousities) spreads to any great extent, it will mean the extinguishing of the industry and increasing the present unemployment in the country."

It might, perhaps, suffice to answer the aggrieved manufacturers by pointing out that no industry which debases the popular taste and disfigures the cemeteries and churchyards can wisely plead the extensive scale of its operations as a plea for toleration. The important point for the public to notice is that considerable interest has already come into existence, and that, if this hateful factor is to be cut out of the general problem, there is no time to lose.

THE PATH TO REFORM.

I have seen in country parishes churchyards which are so beautiful and reverently tended that they are hardly less religious and consoling than the venerable churches which they surround. They are "God's acres" indeed, silent but eloquent witnesses to His immortality and ours in Him. Their influence on the people cannot but be morally wholesome. In our towns, of course, the problem is far more complicated and difficult, but surely it is not insoluble. If a worthy public opinion on the whole subject could be created, and if the local authorities could be assured that they would be heartily supported in taking strong action against untoward vagaries of individualism within the common burial-grounds, much improvement might be effected.

The national interest in the preservation of scenes of natural beauty and historic interest is now widely recognised, and vigorous efforts are being made (for example, by the excellent society known as Scapa) to protect that interest against the senseless aggressions of commercialism. If, within the relatively obscure scenes of parochial life, the same patriotic concern could be created for the cemeteries and churchyards, which in many places are the only public gardens, a considerable social reform could be effected to the lasting advantage of the people.

HERBERT DUNELM.

SIR WALTER SCOTT'S INSOLVENCY. A CENTURY-OLD EPIC OF MISFORTUNE.

One hundred years ago on January 17th Sir Walter Scott made the first intimation of his insolvency. The day before he had dined with his friend, Skene, apparently in his usual spirits. When, on the 17th, Skene called at Castle-street, Edinburgh, to accompany Scott to the Court of Session, where he had official duties, the novelist surprised him with the greeting: "My friend, give me a shake of your hand—mine is that of a beggar."

It is said that the collapse of Messrs. Constable, the publishers, which involved the failure of Scott's printing firm, Messrs. Ballantyne and Co., and made the novelist responsible for debts of nearly £130,000, took him completely by surprise. "No man," he wrote in his journal on January 20th, 1826, "thought Constable's house worth less than £150,000." Yet so long ago as the previous November Scott had been warned by Lockhart, his son-in-law and biographer, of rumours that were current regarding Messrs. Constable's financial difficulties in London; and Sir Walter had at once ridden by night to the home of Mr. Constable, and returned reassured by the latter's assertion that the business was "as firm as Ben Lomond."

Lord Cockburn, in his "Memorials," tells us how the news fell upon Edinburgh like "a thunderbolt," and how the novelist's friends were staggered. Cockburn tells us, also, that when his friends suggested financial help, Sir Walter returned a proud, "No, gentlemen, this right hand shall work it all off."

Every day of that week in January, 1826, Scott wrote a chapter of his novel, "Woodstock," and it was published during the year. He was engaged at this time also on his "Life of Napoleon Buonaparte," which, published in 1827, is said alone to have brought him over £10,000. Scott continued to write energetically during most of the six years of life which remained to him. "The Fair Maid of Perth," "Anne of Geierstein," "Tales of a Grandfather," and many other works followed in quick succession from his pen. In 1828 the copyrights of his earlier novels had been purchased for £24,000 by Mr. Robert Cadell, the bookseller, for the purpose of issuing a uniform cheap edition, which enjoyed a great sale; and Scott's share of this issue, together with the profits on his new works, brought him in an annual income of about £10,000 for four or five years, so that when his death took place at Abbotsford in September, 1832, no more than £24,000 of his huge debt remained undischarged. Of this, £22,000 was wiped off by the proceeds of his life insurance, and the remaining £2,000 was cleared off before 1847 by Mr. Cadell in consideration of his having obtained the copyright of Scott's later works.

Perhaps the best testimony to Sir Walter's conduct is to be found in the concluding words of the resolution which a meeting of his creditors passed in the month following the novelist's death: "They think it a tribute justly due to the memory of Sir Walter Scott to express, in the strongest manner, their deep sense of his most honourable conduct, and of the unparalleled benefits which they have derived from the extraordinary exertion of his unrivalled talents, under misfortunes and difficulties which would have paralysed the exertions of anyone else, but in him only proved the greatness of mind which enabled him to rise superior to them."—*The Observer*.

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ANOTHER DROP IN SHIPBUILDING. LOWEST SINCE 1909.

There was a further decline in shipbuilding in Great Britain and Ireland during the quarter ended December 31st. According to Lloyd's Register shipbuilding returns for that period, the tonnage under construction in Great Britain and Ireland—888,013 tons—was more than 124,000 tons below that at the end of the previous quarter and about 419,000 tons below the tonnage building twelve months ago.

The present totals are the lowest recorded since September, 1909.

The figures for the leading countries abroad are:

Italy	300,878 tons.
Germany	234,145 "
France	167,256 "
Holland	108,894 "
United States	105,211 "

For the first time since the issue of these returns, Italy takes the first place among the leading shipbuilding countries abroad. It is stated that 189,290 tons were begun abroad, a decrease compared with the previous quarter of 61,718, and 274,539 tons were launched, an increase of 24,461 tons.

S.S. "PORTHOS."

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES. NOTICE

CONSIGNEES Cargo from MARSEILLES, as per as "ANGKOR" also Cargo from COGNAC, HAVRE, & BORDEAUX, as per "FOR-MIGNY," in connection with above Steamers are hereby notified that their Goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, whence Delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless Intimation is received from the Consignees before 9.00 a.m., To-day, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining undelivered after Tuesday, the 23rd instant, at Noon, will be subject to Rent and Landing Charges.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or before Friday, the 26th instant, or they will not be recognized.

All damaged Packages will be examined on Tuesday, the 23rd instant, at 10 a.m., by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. RODENFUESS, Agent.

Hongkong, 17th February, 1926. [3206]

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG, BREMEN AND GENOA.

THE Steamship "ZOSMA (5)"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are notified that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence, and/or from the wharves, Delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 25th February, 1926, will be subject to Rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Packages are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 24th February, 1926, at 10 a.m., by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

Claims against the Steamer must be presented in writing within ten days after arrival of Steamer, otherwise they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by the Undersigned in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JAYA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN, General Agents.

Hongkong, February 18th, 1926. [3213]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'S STEAMER "KILIVA"

ARRIVED HONGKONG ON 20th FEBRUARY, 1926.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, GIBRALTAR, MARSEILLES, MALTA, PORTSAID, ADEN, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each Consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and Delivery can be obtained as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions have been given to the contrary Six hours before arrival of the Steamer.

Goods not cleared within 8 days, including date of arrival will be subject to Rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees, and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. GODDARD & DOUGLAS, at 10 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, within the Free Storage Period.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 12th March, 1926, or they will not be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown.

MAOKINNON, MAOKINZIE & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 20th February, 1926. [3217]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., LTD. AND CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer "TALIEYBUS"

are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will be at Consignees' risk and subject to Terms and Conditions of Storage at Holt's Wharf. The Cargo will be ready for Delivery from Godown on and after 20th February.

Optional Cargo will be landed, unless Notice has been given prior to Steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays within the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon within the Free Storage period.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 25th February, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 12th March, 1926, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 20th February, 1926. [3215]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., LTD. AND CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer "PELEUS"

From New York via SINGAPORE are hereby notified that the Cargo having arrived per "Peleus" from Singapore will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will be at Consignees' risk and subject to Terms and Conditions of Storage at Holt's Wharf. The Cargo will be ready for Delivery from Godown on and after 20th February.

Optional Cargo will be landed, unless Notice has been given prior to Steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays within the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon within the Free Storage period.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 20th February, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 12th March, 1926, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

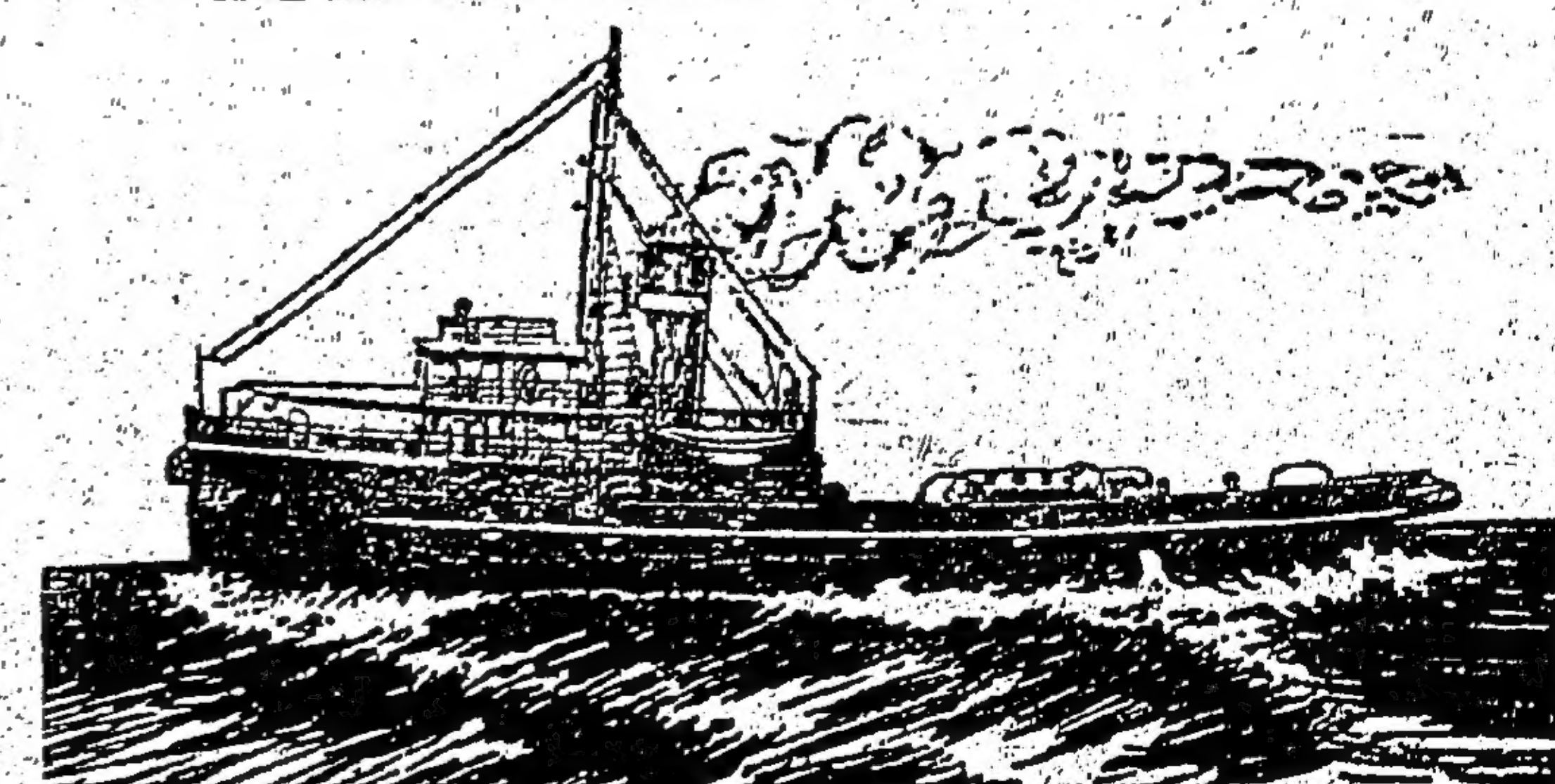
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SHIPPING NEWS

ARRIVALS.

February 21st.

Alaska Maru, Japanese str., 4,353 tons, Capt. N. Ohno, from Bremen and Singapore, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—O.S.K.

City of Lahore, British str., 4,471 tons, Capt. C. G. Hoppins, from Taingtau and Shanghai, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 41.—Bank Line.

Ten Maru, Japanese str., 2,313 tons, Capt. U. Saitow, from Milke, with a cargo of coal, lying at buoy No. 63.—M.B.K.

Venezia L., Italian str., 4,922 tons, Capt. Cesare Voluti, from Trieste, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Dodwell & Co.

Tulcan, Dutch str., 707 tons, Capt. H. J. Coers, from Tamsui, lying at A.P.C. Wharf.—Asiatic Petroleum Co.

February 22nd.

Albert Vogler, German str., 3,414 tons, Capt. W. Ziegenmeyer, from Hamburg and Miri, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 43.—Reuter, Brockmann & Co.

Hakozaki Maru, Japanese str., 3,310 tons, Capt. T. Sekine, from London via Singapore, the former port she left on January 16th and the latter on February 17th, with 340 tons of general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

Tai Sze Ma, Chinese str., 402 tons, Capt. Lo Yat Sun, from Kwang Chow Wan, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 64.—Wing Yiu Co.

Tuen Sung, British str., 1,983 tons, Capt. J. H. Ferguson, from Kobe, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

CLEARANCES.

February 22nd.

Albert Vogler, for Shanghai.

Alaska Maru, for Moji.

Durak Maru, for Shanghai.

City of Lahore, for Singapore.

Hakozaki Maru, for Shanghai.

Kendal Castle, for Amoy.

Tai Sze Ma, for Shanghai.

Tuen Sung, for Shanghai.

Venezia, for Haiphong.

Wakasa Maru, for Singapore.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVALS.

Per N.Y.K. s.s. *Hakozaki Maru*, from London via ports:—Mr. and Mrs. A. Argangelsky, Mr. C. Andretta, Mr. H. C. Brown, Miss K. Byckle, Mr. F. M. Crawford, Mr. M. Casey, Sir B. Griffith Fox, Mr. H. Guloon, Mrs. F. F. Hatch, Mr. and Mrs. T. Koldum, Mrs. A. M. Kelly, Mrs. J. Langlois, Mr. and Mrs. T. Lizaraga and two children, Miss A. Lisch, Mr. E. C. F. MacLennan, Mr. M. C. McLaughlin, Mrs. W. S. McLaughlin, Mr. C. Morano, Mr. B. Nasse, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. B. Nihil, and two children, Mr. W. Ott, Miss C. Prieto, Mr. G. Ruppold, Mr. W. Bailey, Mr. E. G. Sewell, Mr. F. G. Fisher, Mr. R. Schuster, Mr. A. C. Tytheridge, Mr. A. H. van Tooren, Mr. L. Violante, Miss May Au, Mr. K. Aoki, Mr. C. Arisaka, Mr. Y. Aoki, Mr. Y. Aoki, Mr. R. H. Burnett, Mr. A. W. E. Burge, Mrs. S. May Burge, Mr. C. Ling Chu, Miss Li Sung Chu, Miss Li Yiu Chu, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cook, Mr. and Mrs. J. Clear, Miss M. Clear, Mr. G. Dempsey, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Gow, Miss M. D. Gow, Mr. S. Hada, Mr. C. S. Holdworth, Mrs. C. W. Holdworth and son, Mr. A. Hodge, Mr. R. Hasegawa, Mr. S. Hayashi, Mr. A. Hoshino, Mr. R. Horne, Mr. S. Hoshikom, Mr. E. L. Hopkins, Sister M. Hongebach, Miss N. Hetherington, Mr. U. Iga, Mr. Y. Iwadum, Mr. S. Inaba, Mrs. Shuro Inaba, Mrs. C. Inaba, Mr. D. Ishikawa, Mr. H. Inoue, Mr. R. Iyidum, Mr. A. Kusaka, Mr. A. Katoh, Mr. T. Kurata, Mr. K. Kikuchi, Mr. J. D. Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. M. Kubota, Mr. A. Meyer, Mr. Y. Matsui, Mr. T. Makiuchi, Mr. M. Midzoda, Mr. R. Mashimo, Mr. and Mrs. Malsom, Mr. T. Murakami, Mr. and Mrs. S. Okudai, Mrs. N. Okudai, Sister M. Palitawaka, Mr. H. Poirier, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Roberts, Miss D. A. Roberts, Mr. S. Shindo, Mrs. G. A. Summa and two children, Sister A. Sizi, Mr. A. Tamura, Mr. B. Takinami, Sister Rosa Tchong, Mr. and Mrs. H. Thornton, Mr. M. Uemura.

WITHIN CALL.

The following vessels are expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong at noon to-day:—*Mishima Maru*, *President Jefferson*, *Kum San*, *City of Lahore*, *Hakozaki Maru*, *Kuifu Maru*, *Kamala*, *Shirata*, *Altai Maru*, *President Pierce*, *Benares*, *Gorjistan*, *Fau Sang*, *Tzimanook*, *Ceylon Maru*, *Munsterland*, *Alaska*, *Hintang*, *President McKinley*.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The N.D.L. s.s. *Derfflinger*, from Europe, left Singapore on the 21st inst., arrives here on the 25th and will sail for Shanghai and Japan on the same day. The B.I. & A. Line s.s. *Shirata* left Singapore for this port on the 16th inst., p.m., and is due here on the 25th inst., a.m.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

The following vessels are in Dock:—*Kowloon Dock*:—*Passet*, *Tangian*, *Seistan*, *Gorjistan*, *Haitan*, *Siang Wo*, *Tai Koo*, *Doek*, *Huichow*, *Chenan*, *Sunning*, *Kuichow*, *Hunan*, *Cosmopolit*, *Doek*, *Ling Nam*, *At Kowloon*, *Bay*, *Haitong*, *L. Onawa*, *Sun On*.

HONGKONG SHIPPING.

The shipping statement for yesterday showed that the total number of vessels in the harbour at 9 a.m. was 61, of which 77 were British.

The arrivals for the twenty-four hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday numbered five, viz., one British, one Italian, two Japanese and one Chinese. The departures over the same period came to six, including one for Kwang Chow Wan, with one clearance.

CARGO ENTERED.

(During 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday).

For Hongkong 7,759 tons.

For ports beyond 19,622 ..

Total 27,381

(During previous 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. on Sunday).

For Hongkong 9,447 tons.

For ports beyond 14,029 ..

Total 23,475 ..

Of the cargo entered for Hongkong, the heaviest entry was by a Japanese vessel with 4,353 tons of coal and the next best by the British steamer with 2,310 tons of oil. The same British vessel also carried 5,000 tons of oil for ports beyond; while the Italian and a Japanese vessel carried 6,000 and 3,000 tons of general cargo for ports beyond.

The arrivals for the twenty-four hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday were as under: The s.s. *Trinculo* (British) from Balikpapan with 2,500 tons of oil and 5,000 tons for ports beyond; the s.s. *Venezia L.* (Italian) from Trieste and Singapore with 193 tons of firewood and 200 tons of general cargo and 6,000 tons for ports beyond; the s.s. *Alaska Maru* (Japanese) from Bremen and Singapore with 332 tons of general cargo and 8,622 tons for ports beyond; the s.s. *Ten Maru* (Japanese) from Milke with 4,353 tons of coal and the s.s. *Tai Sze Ma* (Chinese) from Kwang Chow Wan with 250 tons of general cargo.

Later arrivals, too late for entry in the above returns, included the s.s. *Albert Vogler* (German) from Sarawak with 361 tons of general cargo and 6,365 tons for ports beyond; the s.s. *City of Lahore* (British) from Taingtau and Shanghai with a full entry for Hongkong, but 7,500 tons for ports beyond; the *Hakozaki Maru* (Japanese) from Singapore with general cargo and mail; the s.s. *Fulmar* from Tamsui and the *Kendal Castle* (British) from Manila with general cargo.

SHIPPING NOTES.

At the Marine Court yesterday, before Lieut. Comdr. G. E. Hole, R.N., fourteen boatmasters and boatmistresses were charged with lying inshore. "Thirteen were fined \$2 each, with the alternative of two days' hard labour, and the remaining defendant was discharged, his excuse being that he was waiting for a passenger. Three other boatmasters were fined \$2 each for a similar offence.

The shipping statement for yesterday showed that there were no deck passengers carried by arriving vessels for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Empress of Asia (C.P.S.), due February 27th.

Bermuda (Ben Line), due February 25th.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONGKONG.

FOR FEBRUARY, 1926.

(STANDARD TIME OF THE 120TH MERIDIAN, EAST OF GREENWICH).

Date	Sunrise	Sunset
February 23rd	6.30 a.m.	6.24 p.m.
24th	6.29	6.24
25th	6.28	6.25
26th	6.27	6.25
27th	6.26	6.25
28th	6.25	6.25

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, February 22nd.

	Previous Day	On Date	On Day
	at 2 p.m.	at 6 a.m.	at 2 p.m.
Barometer	29.97	29.97	30.00
Temperature	59	61	61
Humidity	58	94	93
Wind Direction	E	ENE	W
Force	4	3	2
Weather	OD	0	ORF
Rain	0.00	0.00	1.12

Highest open-air Temperature on 21st 61

Lowest open-air Temperature on 22nd 61

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From Feb. 23rd to March 1st, 1926.

HIGH WATER				LOW WATER			
Day	Month	Time	Height	Day	Month	Time	Height
Tues.	23	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.		
		8.41	4.1	1.42	1.7		
		6.58	6.3	0.2	3.7		
Wed.	24	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.		
		8.13	4.2	2.18	1.4		
		7.41	6.3	0.67	3.5		
Thurs.	25	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.		
		9.46	4.3	3.49	1.2		
		8.17	6.3	1.44	3.4		
Fri.	26	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.		
		10.6	4.4	3.19	1.0		
		8.49	6.3	2.35	3.1		
Satur.	27	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.		
		10.24	4.5	3.48	1.0		
		8.20	6.3	3.3	2.8		
Sun.	28	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.		
		10.41	4.7	4.16	1.0		
		8.51	6.3	3.39	2.7		
Mon.	1	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.		
		10.57	4.7	4.44	1.1		
		10.24	6.7	4.14	2.6		

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EMPRESS OF CANADA	Mar. 19	Mar. 22	Mar. 25	Mar. 27	Apr. 5
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	April 3	April 6	April 8	April 10	April 19
EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA	April 16	April 19	April 22	April 24	May 5
EMPRESS OF ASIA	April 30	May 3	May 6	May 8	May 17
EMPRESS OF CANADA	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 22	May 31
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	May 28	May 31	June 3	June 5	June 14
EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA	June 11	June 14	June 18	June 19	June 30
EMPRESS OF ASIA	June 25	June 27	June 30	July 3	July 13

(E/Asia and E/Russia call at Nagasaki the day after departure from Shanghai).

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Leave Hongkong	Arrive Manila	Leave Manila	Arrive Hongkong
Feb. 27	Mar. 1	EMPRESS ASIA	Mar. 3
Mar. 12	Mar. 14	EMPRESS CANADA	Mar. 16
Mar. 26	Mar. 28	EMPRESS RUSSIA	Mar. 30

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TAKETOYO MARU Saturday, 20th Feb.

HAKODATE MARU Friday, 5th Mar.

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KAMAKURA MARU Saturday, 27th Feb.

BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.

WAKASA MARU Wednesday, 17th Feb.

PEKANG MARU Tuesday, 2nd Mar.

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Bangkok.

CEYLON MARU Tuesday, 2nd Feb.

BANGKOK via Singapore & Penang.

SHINSEI MARU Sunday, 21st Feb.

NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

TANGO MARU Thursday, 18th Feb.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

TOTOOKA MARU Friday, 19th Feb.

HAKOZAKI MARU Monday, 22nd Feb.

YAMAGATA MARU Monday, 22nd Feb.

TSURUGA MARU Thursday, 25th Feb.

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PORTHOS A			16th Mar.,
ANDRE LEON A	29th Jan., 1926	3rd Mar., 1926	30th Mar.,
PAUL LECAT A	12th Feb.,	17th Mar.,	13th Apr.,
AMBOISE B	26th Feb.,	31st Mar.,	27th Apr.,
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SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATIONS

TSINGTAI via SHANGHAI	"FAUSANG"	Thursday	25th Feb., at Noon.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"YUENSANG"	Thursday	25th Feb., at 3 p.m.
HAIPHONG via HOIHOW	"MINGSANG"	Friday	26th Feb., at 10 a.m.
KOBE via SHANGHAI	"KUMSANG"	Saturday	27th Feb., at 7 a.m.
YOKOHAMA	"CHEONGSHING"	Wednesday	3rd Mar., at Noon.
TIENSIN via CHEFOO	"YATSHING"	Wednesday	3rd Mar., at Noon.
TSINGTAI via SHANGHAI	"KWANGSANG"	Thursday	4th Mar., at Noon.
KOBE via SHANGHAI & MOJI	"MAUSANG"	Friday	5th Mar., at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN	"ROSANG"	Saturday	6th Mar., at 3 p.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"LAISANG"	Tuesday	9th Mar., at 3 p.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"POKSANG"	Thursday	11th Mar., at Noon.
KOBE via MOJI	"SUISANG"	Thursday	18th Mar., at 3 p.m.

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 AMERICAN & ORIENTAL LINE
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"NAGPORE"	5,283	2nd Mar.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"MANTUA"	10,903	6th Mar. Noon	Marseilles and London.
"KASHMIR"	8,985	13th Mar.	Mars., L'don, A'werp., and Hamburg.
"KIDDERPORE"	5,334	18th Mar.	Singapore, Penang & Bombay.
"ERIVA"	9,135	20th Mar.	Marseilles, London, and Antwerp.
"MOREA"	10,913	3rd Apr.	Marseilles and London.
"DELTA"	8,097	15th Apr.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	17th Apr.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KALYAN"	9,144	21st Apr.	do.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	1st May	Marseilles and London.
"KASHGAR"	8,006	15th May	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MALWA"	9,941	23rd May	Marseilles and London.
"KHYBER"	9,114	12th June	Marseilles and London.
"MANTUA"	10,903	26th June	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"DELTA"	8,097	7th July	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KARMALA"	9,153	10th July	Marseilles and London.
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"TALAMBA"	8,018	4th Mar.	Singapore, Penang and Calcutta.
"TALMA"	10,000	11th Mar.	do.
"SHIRALA"	7,841	17th Mar.	do.
"TAKADA"	6,949	28th Mar.	do.

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"TANDA"	6,985	3rd Mar.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, and Melbourne.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	7th Apr.	do.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	8th Apr.	do.
"TANDA"	6,985	2nd June	do.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	7th July	do.

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SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI AND JAPAN

Steamship.	Tons.	From Hongkong (about)	Destination.
"SHIRALA"	7,841	25th Feb.	Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"MOREA"	10,911	6th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"TAKADA"	6,949	7th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	13th Mar.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"KALYAN"	9,144	20th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	3rd Apr.	do.
"DELTA"	8,097	20th Mar.	Shanghai & Kobe.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	2nd Apr.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	10th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHGAR"	8,006	15th Apr.	do.
"KHYBER"	9,114	30th Apr.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"TANDA"	6,985	8th May	Shanghai.
"MALWA"	10,941	14th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MANTUA"	10,903	28th May	Shanghai & Kobe.
"KARMALA"	9,068	11th June	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"DELTA"	8,097	11th June	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	12th June	Shanghai only.
"KASHMIR"	8,985	25th June	Shanghai Moji & Kobe.
"RANPURA"	16,585	8th July	do.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	22nd July	do.
"KALYAN"	9,144	5th Aug.	do.

All dates are approximate and subject to alteration without notice.
 WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY FITTED ON ALL STEAMERS.
 *Passengers for Rangoon must defray their own Hotel expenses at Singapore while awaiting the on carrying steamer.
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SHANGHAI			
WUHAN			
CHONGKING			
AMOI & SHANGHAI			
AMOI & SINGAPORE			
BANGKOK			
SWATOW & SHANGHAI			
HAIPHONG & SAIGON			
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO			
SHANGHAI			

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TAIPING	17th March	26th March
CHANGTE	27th March	25th April
TAIPING	16th May	19th May
CHANGTE	16th June	22nd June

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OUTWARDS FOR SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOJI

Steamship.	Tons.	From Hongkong (about)	Destination.
S.S. "VENEZIA"			Sails 23rd Feb.
S.S. "ROSEANDEA"			Sails 7th April
S.S. "FIUME-L"			Sails 5th May

HOMEWARDS FOR BRINDISI, VENICE AND TRIESTE

Steamship.	Tons.	From Hongkong (about)	Destination.
S.S. "VENEZIA"			Sails 15th Mar.
S.S. "ROSEANDEA"			Sails 3rd May
S.S. "FIUME-L"			Sails 31st May

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S.S. "UMSINGA"			Sails from Calcutta 31st Mar.
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SAILINGS FOR EUROPE:

Steamship.	Tons.	From Hongkong (about)	Destination.
S.S. "ZOSMA"			20th Mar. 1926
S.S. "OOSTERK"			17th Apr.
S.S. "OOSTERK"			14th May.

ARRIVALS FROM EUROPE:

Steamship.	Tons.	From Hongkong (about)	Destination.
S.S. "OOSTERK"			9th Mar. 1926
S.S. "OOSTERK"			6th Apr.

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Agents,

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York Building.

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INWARD MAILS.

FROM	PER	DATE
SHANGHAI	Linan	23rd Feb.
JAPAN	Mishima Maru	23rd Feb.
SHANGHAI	Szechuan	23rd Feb.
U.S.A., CANADA, JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Pres. Jefferson	24th Feb.
STRAITS	Kunming	24th Feb.
JAPAN and SHANGHAI	Szechuan	24th Feb.
MANILA	Hakone Maru	24th Feb.
CANADA U.S.A. JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Pres. Taft	24th Feb.
EUROPE via NEGAPATNAM (Letters only)	Emp. of Asia	24th Feb.
London, 23rd Jan.	Derflinger	24th Feb.
U.S.A., HONOLULU, JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Taiyo Maru	1st March
JAPAN	Tanda	1st March
U.S.A., HONOLULU, JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Pres. Wilson	4th March
MANILA	Pres. Jefferson	4th March
SHANGHAI	Minna	5th March
AUSTRALIA AND MANILA	Arctura	12th March

OUTWARD MAILS.

FOR	PER	DATE
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & EUROPE via Suez—due Marseilles, 24th March	Automedon	Tuesday, 23rd, 9.45 A.M. Reg. Letters 10.30 A.M.
Formosa, Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Muensterland	10.00 A.M.
Wei Hai Wei	Hai Ning	2.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Kunming	2.00 P.M.
Amoy	Typhoon	3.30 P.M.
	Kwangchuan	5.00 P.M.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday 12, 7th March	Mishima Maru	Wednesday, 24th, 8.45 A.M. Reg. Letters 9.30 A.M.
Japan & Honolulu	Ginjo Maru	10.30 A.M.
Shanghai	Tanda	12.30 P.M.
Bangkok	Kunming	2.30 P.M.
Shanghai	Fansong	5.00 P.M.
Swatow	Linan	Thursday, 25th, 9.30 A.M.
Straits & Calcutta	Yuenan	Parcels Noon Reg. Letters 1.00 P.M.
Hohow	Mingang	Friday, 26th, 8.30 A.M.
Haiphong and Saigon	Hanyang	10.30 A.M.
Shanghai	Kunming	5.00 P.M.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 28th March	Hakone Maru	Saturday, 27th, 8.45 A.M. Reg. Letters 9.30 A.M.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America & EUROPE via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 24th March, and EUROPE via Siberia (letters & postcards specially superscribed "Via Siberia" only)	Pres. Taft	Parcels Noon Reg. Letters 2.45 P.M. 3.30 P.M.
Shanghai	Kanchow	Sunday, 28th, 9.00 A.M.
Saigon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 2nd April	Ankor	Tuesday, 2nd, 1.45 P.M. Reg. Letters 2.30 P.M.
Manila, Sandakan, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 15th March	Tanda	Parcels 5.00 P.M. Reg. Letters 5.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Yaching	Wednesday, 3rd, 10.30 A.M.
Shanghai	Kwai Sung	Thursday, 4th, 10.30 A.M.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America & EUROPE via Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C., 24th March	Pres. Jefferson	Friday, 5th, Noon Parcels 2.45 P.M. Reg. Letters 3.30 P.M.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

COMMERCIAL.

OPENING QUOTATIONS.

February 22nd, 1926.

ON LONDON—	
Telegraphic Transfer	244
Bank Bills, on demand	244 5/16
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	244
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	244
Credita, at 4 months' sight	244 5/16
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight	244 7/16
ON PARIS—	
Bank Bills, on demand	1,805
Credita, 4 months' sight	1,805
ON NEW YORK—	
Bank Bills, on demand	57 1/2
Credita, at 30 days' sight	58 1/2
ON BOMBAY—	
Telegraphic Transfer	156
Bank Bills, on demand	156
ON CALCUTTA—	
Telegraphic Transfer	156
Bank Bills, on demand	156
ON SHANGHAI—	
Bank Bills, at sight	nom.
Private, 30 days' sight	nom.
ON YOKOHAMA—On demand	124 1/2
ON MANILA—On demand	114 1/2
ON SINGAPORE—On demand	101 1/2
ON BATAVIA—On demand	141 1/2
ON HAIPHONG—On demand	nom.
ON SAIGON—On demand	nom.
ON BANGKOK—On demand	75 1/2
SOVEREIGN, Bank's Buying rate	\$3.57
Gold LEAF, 100 fine, per tael	30 1/2
BAR SILVER, per oz.	30 1/2

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Authorized Capital	\$50,000,000
Issued and Fully Paid-up	\$30,000,000
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Sterling	\$4,500,000
Silver	\$25,000,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors	\$30,000,000

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Hongkong, 19th May, 1925. [35]

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For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
A. H. BARLOW,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 7th January, 1925. [3]

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.
INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.
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Paid-up Capital £2,000,000
Reserve Fund £2,000,000
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CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received for one year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.
A. H. FERGUSON,
Manager.
Hongkong, April 15th, 1925. [30]

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Head Office:
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Paid-up Capital Frs. 6,400,000.00
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A. LECOT,
Manager.
Hongkong, 10th March, 1924. [28]



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Subscribed Capital	£1,500,000
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Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.
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J. B. BOSS,
Acting Manager.
7, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, April 17th, 1925. [29]

BANQUE FRANCO-CHINOISE POUR LE COMMERCE ET L'INDUSTRIE.
(Incorporated in France).
5, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong.
Head Office:
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Capital Frs. 20,000,000
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